



£600k RACKET PAIR SENTENCED

BY CARL JACKSON

TWO men from Cannock Chase have been sentenced for their roles in a Staffordshire gang that was caught distributing illegal tobacco in a £600,000 racket.

Philip Costello was at the heart of the operation shifting counterfeit tobacco from a storage unit in Cannock.

The gang operated to smuggle, transport, manufacture, store and sell the illegal cigarettes on an industrial scale to evade tax.

HM Revenue & Customs raided the property in March 2012 and arrested the 51-year-old from Newman Grove, Rugeley, along with Shaun Jukes, Jukes, 49, of Attlee Crescent, also Rugeley, was in partnership with Costello orchestrating the purchase of smuggled and counterfeit tobacco from a Milton Keynes gang to sell on across the Midlands.

Investigators seized an account book that revealed between September 2011 and March 2012 a total of 3,673.9 kilograms (8,100lb) of hand rolling tobacco had been delivered from a farm in the Buckinghamshire town where raw tobacco was processed into a fake product.

While Costello was on bail in February he was caught in Birmingham along with an accomplice, Trevor Campbell, with a consignment of cash and illegal cigarettes and cash.

Crimes

HMRC officers arrested the pair in Trinity Road, Aston, and seized 240,140 illegal Mahara cigarettes from a Vauxhall van they were sitting in. They also searched a Mercedes car belonging to Costello and found £13,000 of cash hidden in the spare wheel cavity.

Costello pleaded guilty to evasion of Excise Duty and money laundering and on Friday was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court to five years and one month for his distribution crimes, two years for the further offence while on bail and eight months for money laundering.

Jukes, who also admitted evasion of Excise Duty, was given a two-year jail term suspended for 21 months. Campbell, 51, from Hall Green, Birmingham, admitted evasion of Excise Duty and was given 12 weeks in prison suspended for 21 months and ordered to carry out 120 hours' unpaid community work.

Two other men were jailed for their part in the smuggling ring. Ernestas Vadeikis was a delivery driver and was arrested en route to making a delivery to Cannock. The 25-year-old of Milton Keynes was jailed for four months suspended for 21 months and ordered to carry out 100 hours' unpaid work.

Qing Feng Zheng, 38, from Coventry was jailed for four months suspended for 21 months and ordered to carry out 100 hours' unpaid work. HMRC made further seizures in Milton Keynes as well as from a customer of Costello and Jukes. Alongside those seized in Cannock the haul racked up £558,065 in evaded duty.

COUPLE – AND THEIR DOG – IN 2,000-MILE TREK



Richard Buka and Holly Necchi with Barney the dog prepare for their 2,000-mile bike ride

A COUPLE have set off on a 2,000-mile bike ride from the Arctic Circle to the Alps to raise money for a hospital – with their dog.

Richard Buka and Holly Necchi, of Linnet Close, Huntington, began their journey on Friday with their beloved pooch Barney accompanying them in his very own trailer.

The pair, both aged 27, are raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital as a thank you for the treatment it has provided for their friend's son. Richard, soon to be doctor at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth hospital, said: "We are on a bit of gap year and

have been doing quite a bit of travelling. It has been quite a good year to be honest but every time we go we really miss Barney.

"We are out here to enjoy it, we aren't going to be going hell for leather."

On Friday, they started in Fauske, Norway, and are hoping to complete around 40 miles a day over a 10-week stretch while their two-year-old King Charles Cavalier-Bichon Frise follows closely behind in the comfort of his trailer. They have chosen the children's hospital for their fundraising in view of the treatment given to their friend's five-month-

old son Thomas Warpole, from Telford, who suffers from Oesophageal Atresia – a defect whereby his oesophagus is not connected to his stomach meaning he cannot swallow or feed properly.

Richard added: "Thomas is still being fed by a tube. But he is getting there. Thomas is receiving exceptional care at the children's hospital and this is our chance to say thank you on behalf of our friends."

Richard and Holly will be posting updates of the trip to www.barneysbigbikeride.com where links to donate can be found.

PLANNING

Homes bid rejected for the second time

PLANS for 93 homes in Bridgtown have finally been refused for a second time by planning bosses.

Applicants Schroder Property, of London, had wanted to turn the former Parker Hannifin valve works in Walkmill Lane into housing, but their refusal to meet affordable housing demands meant the application was rejected for a second time.

Cannock Chase Council ask all new housing developments to have a certain amount of affordable/social housing. The site has remained derelict since 2009 when the valve works were demolished.

QUEEN

Hospital to hold right royal party

HOSPITAL patients in Cannock plan to celebrate the Queen's official birthday next month with a garden party.

The garden at Cannock Chase Hospital's Fair Oak Ward will be adorned with patriotic bunting and a special buffet laid on for the event on June 9. Patients in the ward, which specialises in the rehabilitation of stroke patients and the elderly, will be encouraged to share their memories of the Queen as a way to aid their recovery.

The Queen's state birthday is being celebrated on Saturday, June 11.

PETS

Owners warned of adders on Chase

DOG owners have been warned to be vigilant after a number of pets were bitten by adders on Cannock Chase.

E C Straiton and Partners Veterinary Hospital in Penkridge has taken in four dogs recently which were bitten by the snakes.

Josh Lea, aged 21, from Stafford said: "The other week my dog was bitten by a snake at Brocton Heights. He got taken to the vets within 30 minutes of the bite and luckily he has made a full recovery."

Last September, snakes bit dogs – killing one of them – in two attacks on one owner's pets on the Chase.

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Plea over 'abandoned' stroke patients



Grace Russell - therapy

ALMOST half of stroke survivors in the West Midlands feel abandoned on leaving hospital, according to new figures published by the Stroke Association.

The charity surveyed more than 1,100 stroke survivors living in England about their experience of care and support.

The findings reveal that 47 per cent of stroke survivors in the West Midlands said they left hospital without a care plan, returning home without appropriate support in place for their recovery.

Fifty four per cent in the region said they were not contacted by a healthcare professional when they returned home

from hospital, and 39 per cent in the West Midlands stated that they did not receive a six-month assessment.

Grace Russell, aged 23, from Armitage, was 17 when she had a stroke caused by the contraceptive pill.

Once discharged from hospital, she did not hear from health professionals to offer support. "I didn't receive a six-month review after being discharged from hospital and was offered very little support," she said.

"The rehab I was offered was in locations that were really far away from home. Eventually I did receive speech

and language therapy but only because I went to my GP myself."

Five years on, Grace is in her final year at the University of Derby studying Human Resource Management & Business Management, living in her own apartment with her supportive boyfriend and applying for graduate jobs.

The Stroke Association is launching a new campaign - A New Era for Stroke - which calls on the Government to commit to a new stroke strategy.

To sign the Stroke Association's petition for a new stroke strategy, visit www.stroke.org.uk/newera

Deaf woman turned away from Go Ape

A DEAF woman claims she was wrongly discriminated against during a visit to a Cannock Chase outdoor adventure site.

Leanne Stead, 24, from Wolverhampton, was turned away from the Go Ape adventure site as workers classed her being deaf as a 'physical disability', ruling that she couldn't use the site's facilities.

Despite booking in advance and making the 40-minute journey to the attraction, Mrs Stead and her friend Muna, who is also deaf, were told they couldn't use the zip-wires and other attractions.

A complaint she wrote to the company on Facebook went viral, with more than 150 shares in a few hours as people showed their support.

Mrs Stead said: "We are absolutely furious at Go Ape.

"We booked and paid in advance to have this fun filled day at Cannock Chase and have been turned away because we are deaf.

Policy

"In their policy it stated physical disability as an example of blind people, wheelchair user, and poor limbs. Not a word about deaf people. We are well-bodied people who can do physical activities.

"We argued and said that we felt discriminated against their decision and they still insisted on not letting us to go on it. We don't even need our ears to hold on a rope for god sake."

She also believes that the timing of the incident, during National Deaf Awareness Week, doesn't bode well for the company.

She said: "I feel that the staff should educate themselves on the difference between a physical disability and well bodied deaf people."

The company have refunded Mrs Stead and apologised.

They have also refunded her for the visit. The apology reads: "Complaints of this nature are rare so we'd like to investigate this further with our team at Cannock. We are sorry that the situation was not handled to your satisfaction and that your visit was spoiled. We believe that every customer should have a great time and we are disappointed to hear that this wasn't the case."

Couple fined for makeshift fence



The fence had been made from wooden panels fixed to the trunks of trees that had previously formed a hedge

A HEDNESFORD couple have been fined after building a fence in their back garden without planning permission.

Mr and Mrs Milakovic, of Reservoir Road, refused to take the fence down despite repeated calls by planning chiefs who said it was 'of non-standard construction'.

The fence had been made from wooden panels fixed to the trunks of trees that had previously formed a hedge.

The couple were found guilty of offences under Section 215 and 216 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 at Cannock Magistrates

Court on Tuesday last week. Mr and Mrs Milakovic were ordered to pay costs to the council in the sum of £285 each. They were each fined £60 and ordered to each pay a £20 surcharge.

A notice was served by the council in October 2015, asking the couple to remove the fence from the boundary of their property.

Complaints were received from neighbouring residents and people driving up Littleworth Hill regarding the appearance of the fence, and the council considered the fence was harmful to the street scene and detrimental to the amen-

ity of neighbouring residents. The defendants were required to remove the fence by December 7 but had failed to do so.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "Mr Milakovic considered that he had the legal right to erect a two metre fence without having to obtain planning permission, and that the council did not have the power to ask him to remove the fence."

The magistrates found that Mr and Mrs Milakovic were guilty, since they had not removed the fence.

Look for the signs plea on safety of motorcyclists

A HIGH-PROFILE campaign is urging motorcyclists to ride carefully to help improve safety on the county's roads.

The Ride it Right campaign, co-ordinated by the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership, has been running since 2006. Yellow signs are displayed along specific roads to remind bikers and motorists to 'Think Bike' and 'Ride Safely'.

The Ride it Right routes for 2016 are the A5 Weston to Weeford; A34 Kidegrove to Stafford; A458 Stourbridge to Six Ashes; A460 Rugeley to Wolverhampton; A511 Tutbury to Brethay; A518 Stafford to Uttoxeter; A520 Stone to Leek; and A527 Newcastle to Biddulph.

Mark Deaville, cabinet support member for highways and transport at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Staffordshire has some of the safest roads in the country, which is something we are very proud of and have worked hard to achieve.

"Bikers only represent around one per cent of all traffic on our roads but they make up 26 per cent of those killed or seriously injured and that's why we run campaigns like this.

"Our Ride it Right campaign has been really successful in reducing the number of accidents since it was introduced over 10 years ago," he added.

"The campaign simply reminds motorcyclists to ride responsibly and to slow down which ultimately helps save lives."



One of the signs

Like father, like son, in elections

THE leader of the opposition Conservative group on Cannock Chase Council says he is 'extremely proud' to see his son voted in as the district's youngest elected member.

Councillor Paul Snape's son Dan, aged 19, won the Hawks Green seat by a margin of 64 over UKIP's incumbent Ann Bernard. In doing so, he became the youngest councillor in the district.

Paul Snape, who represents Cannock West, said: "He's always had an interest in politics and I'm extremely proud of his achievement."

Following this month's elections, Labour holds an overall majority by one seat. The political make-up is Labour, 21; Tory, 13; UKIP, 4; Lib Dem, 1; Green, 1; Independent, 1.

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Insight into work is subject of talk

ROBERT Bowers gives an insight into 'One Man and his Work' at Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society's meeting next week.

The talk is in the Salem school room, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday. Admission is £1.

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Excessive waiting in A&E units defended

A QUARTER of patients visiting A&E at Staffordshire's two major hospitals can expect to wait longer than four hours, new figures have revealed.

Performance at the emergency departments at County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke has plummeted in recent months due to soaring attendances.

In March, 75 per cent of people were seen within the four-hour target. The national requirement is 95 per cent.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs both sites, has blamed the latest figures on an ageing population and increasing numbers coming through the doors.

Speaking at the latest trust board meeting, Helen Lingham, chief operating officer, said: "We are seeing many more patients over 85 years old and increased numbers of ambulance referrals.

"Despite the 11 per cent increases in attendances this year, the resilience in our health and care system is greatly improved and where we do have spikes in demand we are able to contain the situation more quickly than previously.

"Our ambulance turnaround time remains one of the best in the West Midlands, allowing the ambulance crews to get back on the road and attend to 999 calls.

"Although some of our patients breached the target only by minutes, we took the view that those minutes could be instrumental in saving the life of someone needing an ambulance."

Big response to business awards

ENTRIES have been flooding in for the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce 2016 Business Awards.

The closing date for entries is tomorrow, and the organisers say they are ready to process last-minute nominations.

With a growing reputation for showcasing the best businesses in Staffordshire, the chambers' awards celebrate the achievements and outstanding performance of businesses across the whole of the county.

Last year's awards attracted more than 300 entries, and more than 420 guests attended the black tie awards ceremony at Staffordshire County Showground.

Visit www.staffordshirechambers.co.uk to apply.

Band set for a busy weekend

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs have a busy weekend ahead.

They are playing live at Bar 77 in Cannock town centre tomorrow and then on Saturday they will be live at Bojollys in Rugeley.

Wait pays off for wildlife photographer



The blue tit 'on sentry duty'

STAFFORDSHIRE photographer Neal McIntosh waited for half an hour to get the shot he wanted – and this bold little bird did not disappoint.

The 50-year-old said: "I was walking along the canal and I saw this flash of blue out of the corner of my eye. I wasn't sure what I had seen so I stopped and waited and then I saw this blue tit appear with her partner.

"I waited then for a couple of minutes and it was looking a little bit edgy. I got the sensation it was looking to see if they were being watched.

"When they felt more comfortable I

saw them go down through the hole in the tree which was about two to three foot above the canal.

"I sat and watched for about half an hour. They were clearing the hole out to create a nest.

"The blue tit looked straight at me. I felt like he was on sentry duty."

Tesco worker Neal has started to make a bit of a name for himself with his keen eye for wildlife, despite only picking up a camera a year ago to pursue a new hobby.

He took this picture at one of his favourite hunting grounds in Staf-

ford which has almost become his own treasure trove for nature scenes waiting to be snapped. The town's Victoria Park and Cannock Chase are among his other favourite locales.

He said: "I like to take shots of nature doing what it does best but at the same time taking pictures which people don't see very often.

"I am not a professional and don't claim to be – I just hope people can see what I trying to do."

Follow 'Argazki Mac' on Twitter and Facebook to see more of Neal's latest pictures.

Council in action plea on 'half-service' library

TOWN councillors, angered by unscheduled closures at Hednesford Library, are set to demand action to improve the service.

George Adamson branded the current service at the library as a 'half-service' and 'unacceptable', insisting he regularly turns up to use it, only to find it is closed.

And Derek Davis accused Staffordshire County Council of 'not keeping promises', during a Hednesford Town Council meeting.

Councillors are set to write to the county council to demand answers as to why it seems to be closed on an ad hoc basis, how many volunteers are working there and what it plans to do to improve the service.

The library, in Market Street, is supposed to be open from 9am to 7pm on Mondays, 9am-5pm Tuesday to Friday and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturdays. It also hosts reading groups and knit-and-natter sessions.

Councillor Adamson said: "We are now seeing regular closures. I am disappointed in the county council, because we aren't getting the service we should be. There aren't enough staff or volunteers working there to provide a service for the hours of its operation, and it is now closing on a regular basis.

Visited

"I have written to [cabinet member for learning and skills] Ben Adams about it, but I am still awaiting a response to see what he is prepared to do about it.

"It's just not good enough. Full-time staff should be kept on there. Really, what we are getting at the moment is a half-service."

Councillor Davis added: "I visited the library the other day to borrow a book but was told by the girl working there that she had to shut up shop at 3.30pm. It's not good enough and it's not fair on the staff.

"They are having to work on their own so they're getting no breaks and having to work for long periods. When they need to finish, they need to finish; if there's no-one available to take over, they have to shut the library.

"This is not what they promised us – they are breaking their promises."

Councillor Adamson said: "We should send a letter from the town council, asking the county council why they have promised to keep it open when they clearly aren't doing so during the opening hours. We also need to ask them how many staff and volunteers are working."



Peter Mason with his portrait of Bob Dylan made from stamps, to commemorate the musician's 75th birthday next week

Peter's hero in 3,000 stamps

A RETIRED Hednesford art teacher has used 3,000 stamps to pay tribute to Bob Dylan ahead of the star's 75th birthday on Tuesday.

Peter Mason, aged 72, specialises in crafting portraits of famous faces using stamps and has put together pieces inspired by, among others, David Bowie, John Lennon, Frank Sinatra.

His latest piece is especially close to his heart and pays tribute to a man he called 'an inspiration for my generation'. "Dylan is a real hero to me and to a lot of people my age," he said. "He was the soundtrack to all of this change we experience."

The image he chose for the portrait is similar to the cover of Dylan's 1966 album Blonde on Blonde.

Peter sometimes tries to get his work sent to whoever inspired it but in this case the portrait will stay in his personal collection.

He said: "Dylan is quite elusive these days. I wouldn't know where to start in terms of getting something over to him.

"He lives in people's minds through his music."

To see Peter's work visit thepostpartman.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

M6 traffic hit by string of delays

STRAPPING that came off a lorry, a two-vehicle crash and a broken down car caused long delays on the M6.

A stretch of the motorway through Stafford saw numerous tailbacks on Thursday due to the three incidents.

Strapping came off a lorry on the southbound carriageway between junctions 12 and 13 causing a potential hazard. Then in the afternoon traffic was slowed again between the same junctions, this time on the northbound side, due to a two-vehicle collision. A broken down car that afternoon caused further delays.

Festival tickets deadline nears

TIME is running out to buy discounted tickets for the event billed as 'Staffordshire's blues, rock and folk event for everyone'.

With a line-up featuring original performers and tribute bands, the Middle of Nowhere Music Festival takes place at Penkridge's Lower Drayton Farm over the weekend of July 22 to 24. 'Early bird' tickets are on sale until Monday, May 30.

Details about the line-up, as well as information on how to purchase day and weekend camping tickets, can be found at www.monmusicfestival.co.uk

Fine food and craft at market

PENKRIDGE Market will be holding a fine food and craft market on Saturday.

There will be food plus local crafts on sale in the indoor market. The market will take place between 9am and 3.30pm, and admission to the event and parking is free of charge.

The local produce on display will include cheeses, breads and olives, homemade cakes, pies and preserves. There will also be local farms, selling their meat, poultry, eggs, and game.

Choristers take to the roof for service

MORE than a dozen choristers took to the roof of Lichfield Cathedral to mark Ascension Day.

The Christian tradition marks the 40th day of Easter when the body of Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven. Thirteen members of the Lichfield Cathedral Girls and Boys Choristers along with lay vicars took part.

The choir has taken part in the tradition for decades and last year even went up to the spire but this time restoration work was taking place.

Closures on the A5

A SECTION of the A5 between Cannock and Brownhills will be closed overnight for three nights for a footpath widening scheme. A three-mile stretch of the eastbound carriageway between Churchbridge island and The Parade will be closed between 8pm and 8am from today until Sunday.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE NHS in crisis? 10.05am: phoned GP to fix routine appointment for blood test. 10.55am same morning: blood test carried out.

AFTER my item on pine martens chewing car electrical systems, a reader has been online and found an electronic gizmo which fits under the bonnet and is guaranteed to scare the little blighters off. Is there anything you can't buy on eBay?

AM I the only diesel-car driver feeling a little less guilty this week? There is something about half of Alberta going up in flames and filling the atmosphere with thousands of tons of smoke that puts our own emissions in context.

PAY attention. I am going to tell you some interesting facts about yourself. You have a tendency to be self-critical. You have a great need for other people to like and admire you. You pride yourself on being an independent thinker. You don't accept other people's statements without satisfactory proof. You have found it unwise to be too frank in revealing yourself to others. Spot on? Of course I am. All the above statements apply to you, because they apply to everyone. They are known as Barnum statements, after the great American showman and master of hoaxes, P T Barnum. And they are the bedrock of every "psychic" act you'll ever see, from seances to fortune-telling and the predictions of the late, great astrologer Jonathan Cainer.



IT is a tragedy that Cainer, 58, died so young, apparently of a heart attack. His passing earlier this month has unleashed a torrent of testimonies to the alleged accuracy of his star-gazing. For a start, it is widely claimed that he predicted his own death. But he didn't. His last column before he died simply read: "We're not here for long. So make the most of every moment." That's a Barnum statement.

DAVID Cameron says if we leave the EU we risk war because terrible things happen whenever Britain turns its back on Europe. Really? We must be working from different history books. I seem to recall from O-level history that it was the 1839 Treaty of London and the 1904 Entente Cordiale that committed Britain to entering the First World War instead of watching from the sidelines. You could argue that the worst conflict this country has ever endured was the direct result not of turning our back on Europe but of getting too involved with it.

MY personal foreign policy can be summed up in four words. Make friends with Russia.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

'Stand by your pan' plea on fire risks

A HARD-HITTING campaign targeting people who leave cooking unattended is being launched.

In the period from April 2012 to April 2016, 250 fires in the west of the county attended by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service were caused by cooking, with 19 per cent resulting from distraction.

The campaign specifically targets two groups most at risk of kitchen

fires – older people who may become easily distracted or forgetful when cooking, and younger people who may be tempted to cook themselves a quick snack after getting home from the pub and then fall asleep leaving their cooking unattended.

As part of the campaign, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be demonstrating a chip pan fire and giving advice on cooking safety

in Stafford, between 9.30am and 1.30pm today (Thursday).

Community safety lead James Russell said: "Everyone should take note and ensure they stand by their pan whilst cooking."

"Cooking should never be left unattended, and distractions kept to a minimum, for example watching TV or entertaining children whilst cooking. Consumption of alcohol should

also be avoided whilst cooking, especially if you are returning from a night out drinking.

"It only takes a quick closing of the eyes before you're fast asleep and oblivious to the pan catching fire," Mr Russell added.

"A cooking fire can quickly take hold, cause a serious amount of damage and if you don't notice it right away it could be too late."

£3m move paying off for courier company

A £3 MILLION investment in new premises and equipment is delivering improvements for a courier firm.

EDS Couriers, formerly based at Fairway in Bridgton, is expanding its business after relocating to a larger depot at Wimblesbury Road, Cannock.

Following renovation work at the site, the firm has now completed the transfer of its 104 employees and full courier operations to the new premises, which was undertaken between February and May.

The building has been renamed Leonard House in memory of the company founder, Leonard Evans, father of the current managing director Andy Evans. The firm has created 20 new jobs in the past six months.

The building and adjoining yard were given an overhaul in preparation for the move, with modifications including installing new offices, creating a reception area and erecting a purpose-built canopy to house the company's Palletforce trucks. The largest investment has been in manufacturing and installing a parcel sorting conveyor system in the warehouse.

Designed in part by EDS managing director Andy Evans, in conjunction with Central Conveyors Ltd of Leicester, its features will speed up parcel sorting, make the whole process simpler for staff and offer greater protection against damaged goods.

EDS managing director Andy Evans said: "We have been working towards a move for the last 15 months, so to see it all become a reality is very exciting."

Crackdown sees 23 anglers caught

A CRACKDOWN on illegal fishing saw 23 anglers who were flouting the law reeled in by Environment Agency officers. Agency staff were out in force throughout the West Midlands region over the bank holiday weekend.

Over the three days, enforcement officers found 396 anglers fishing illegally at various locations.

During the past year, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West Midlands enforcement officers checked 5,584 licences and reported 265 for fishing illegally. Any angler aged 12 or over fishing on a river, canal or still water, needs a licence.

To help the continuing crackdown, the Environment Agency has urged people to report illegal activity by calling 0800 80 70 60 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Charity group to put on fiesta and auction

THE local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding a fiesta and auction at St Luke's Church Hall, Cannock on Saturday.

The fiesta is from 9.30am to midday, and stalls include cakes and bric a brac. The auction starts at midday.

Hundreds of groups helped by £1m fund

By Jordan Harris

MORE than £1 million has been handed out to help more than 670 community groups in Staffordshire during the past year.

The Staffordshire Local Community Fund, which is split up between individual county councillors who choose which projects to fund, contributed £1.2m towards creating community gardens, purchasing minibuses and helping older people meet up at social clubs.

The scheme, which has been running for six years in its current form, has supported a broad range of community organisations including sports clubs, Scouts and Guides groups, older people's social clubs, safety schemes, arts groups and more.

It has supported a Staffordshire Women's Aid project to provide furniture for a new purpose-built facility with 12 self-contained flats.

Improve

Councillors in Cannock also joined forces to provide funding of £865 to set up a weekly After School Club where children from three primary schools in Heath Hayes receive a freshly prepared meal and spend time on activities including art and craft, board games and reading.

Councillor Ian Parry, deputy leader at Staffordshire County Council, has responsibility for the scheme and said: "There is a huge amount of good work going on right across the county to improve people's quality of life."

"I would urge people to find out more on our website and get in touch. Of course, each county councillor has a finite amount of money to allocate in their division – that is why we want to direct those funds where they're needed most."

Community groups interested in applying for the funding need to get in touch with their county councillor before submitting any applications.

All applications need to be submitted by November 30 this year and people can find out more at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil

Man dies in blaze at caravan park



Scene of tragedy – a man, believed to be in his early 70s, died after flames ripped through this mobile home

A MAN died when a blaze ripped through a caravan at a park in Staffordshire.

Dozens of firefighters descended on St James Park in New Road, Featherstone, to battle the flames.

Neighbours said they were terrified by the loud noises, the thick black smoke and the sheer amount of fire and police officers on the scene.

An investigation into the cause of the blaze has been launched by forensics experts, police and fire chiefs.

The caravan, neighbours said, was owned by a man in his early 70s.

Some people staying on the park left the site for fear that gas canisters would ignite and that the flames would spread throughout the area. Firefighters battled

the flames for more than five hours. The caravan was completely destroyed by the flames, covered with burnt debris with smashed windows and parts of the roof collapsed.

Fiona Carding of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue said: "The emergency call was received at 12.30am on May 16. Two crews from Cannock, a crew from Gnosall, along with two crews from West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service's Fallings Park attended."

Det Sgt Neil Poultny, of Staffordshire CID, said the identity of the male had not yet been established and, as such, the next of kin had not been informed.

A resident, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "It was scary – absolutely terrifying."

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Group cast impressive spell with the witches

The Witches of Eastwick, CWAGMS Prince of Wales, Cannock

AS ever, Cannock Wood and Gentleshaw Musical Society aimed high with this, their latest production, based on the novel of the same name.

The 'witches' - three bored, frustrated women of the small American town of Eastwick - during one of their regular martini-drinking sessions, devise a combined wish-list of the required attributes for their ideal man.

He materialises in the form of Darryl Van-Home; a stranger who buys a desirable property in their town.

But their dream man turns out to be more than they bargained for. Could he be the Devil in disguise?

This somewhat risqué show, directed by Sharron Burns, had humour and pathos with a high standard of acting and singing. All principals gave strong performances.

Special mention must be made of Darrel Burns's demanding characterisation of leading man Darryl, and of Sue Samuel, Charlotte Chambers and Ellen Nicholls for their portrayals of the 'witches'.

Sharron Burns gave a sterling performance of the American matriarch, Felicia Gabriel.

Particular mention has to be made of the fine sounds of the orchestra under the baton of conductor Brian Hirst. Scenery was stylised and minimal and, although it worked in the main, one needed to peruse a programme to understand the setting of some of the scenes.

Bryan Till

Motorbike thieves strike yet again

A MOTORBIKE has been stolen in Rugeley in the latest of a spate of bike thefts to blight Cannock Chase.

The black and red 59 plate Aprilia model was taken from a garage in Jones Lane. Thieves struck between May 7 and 10.

A Staffordshire Police neighbourhood watch officer said: "Could you please warn your neighbours to be on their guard and to make sure their properties, including sheds and garages, are as secure as possible."

At the end of the previous week, two bikes and a moped were stolen from Hedgesford.

A Lexmoto moped was taken from Heath Street, while a black and green Yamaha and a black BMW were stolen from Littleworth Road.

Marina to stage open mic event

UNDISCOVERED musicians have a chance to showcase their talents at The Waterfront at Barton Marina.

The venue hosts its first Sunday open mic event on June 5 from 4pm. Visit www.waterfrontbarton.co.uk

Singer happy to swap Vegas for Cannock



Rose-Marie - long-awaited return

FROM the bright lights of Las Vegas to Cannock town centre - a platinum-selling artist has explained why she is looking forward to performing at the Prince of Wales after spending six years living in the United States.

Northern Irish singer Rose-Marie has announced she will grace the Church Street venue on October 6 after a 15-year absence from the town - and hopes to return every year thereafter. She said it was calls on social media that have prompted her long-awaited return to the town.

"Social media is an unbelievable

thing, and a lot of people, especially on Twitter, have been saying 'When are you coming back to Cannock?'," she said. "It is very difficult when you live out in America.

"But when I came back I didn't want to come back to any old theatre. I wanted to come back to where people want you to come back to.

"It is a beautiful theatre which has been around for a long time. It is not too big or too small.

"It is going to be a great show, and I hope to make it an annual thing."

Rose-Marie, now 60, lived in the

US for more than five years. Now she lives between Blackpool and London.

The singer added: "It was my dream to live out in America which I did, then I thought it is time to come back. I maybe stayed out there a bit too long. But I worked with some brilliant people such as Debbie Reynolds and Tony Christie."

Rose-Marie has released 19 albums, her latest being My Gift of Love for You, and all have gone gold or platinum in the UK. She has named Adele and Sam Smith among her favourite contemporary artists.

Customers on a winner with Ascot campaign

PLANS to demolish a popular Cannock pub and build a supermarket appear to be dead in the water after a government planning inspector dismissed the bid.

Planning chiefs on Cannock Chase Council threw out the proposal to bulldoze the Ascot Tavern in Longford Road following a campaign by customers.

Punch Taverns, which owns the pub, appealed the decision, but that has now been dismissed by the Department for Communities and Local Government. The company has previously said the venue struggled to bring in customers and was being heavily subsidised.

But planning inspector David Murray said other pubs in the area were not close enough, adding that the Ascot Tavern may still have a sustainable future.

He said: "The appellant says that if the pub had been as well supported by residents as the objections received suggest, then redevelopment with a retail use would not have been needed. Clearly a use that is not viable cannot be required to continue indefinitely.

"However, it appears to me that the alternative premises suggested by the appellants are some 800 metres away from the site.

Different

"This appears to me to be a significant distance away from the local community to regard the existing facility as 'surplus'.

"Further, from the limited information available, I cannot be sure that a pub on the site cannot be made viable in the long term, including possibly by a different user or operator."

The pub's landlady Dawn Holden, who has spearheaded the campaign with her mother, said: "It is fantastic news, absolutely brilliant. Me and Mum are chuffed to bits. When we took over the pub we knew it was up for sale so we have never been under any illusions.

"But we are still here and still going to carry on. It doesn't bring in a lot of money but for us it's about more than money.

"We want to keep it open because it is at the heart of the community."

"We have 20 blokes on the football team, as well as the darts and pool teams, and they with their girlfriends and wives always come back here and have their receptions here."

A spokeswoman for Punch Taverns said: "In light of the decision, we are currently assessing all future avenues for the Ascot Tavern."

Hundreds ride out for Stephen



Stephen's mother Jane, front, leads the way at the fourth Stephen Sutton Ride Out

HUNDREDS of bikers turned out to honour inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton on the weekend that marked the second anniversary of his death.

The fourth Stephen Sutton Ride Out saw a procession of motorcycles and classic cars make the journey between Lichfield and Burntwood rugby clubs in his memory. The event

also continues Stephen's work in raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Burntwood teenager's bravery and positivity in the face of adversity made global headlines before his death in 2014.

Stephen, who was 19, famously made a bucket list of things he wanted to do before he died, successfully achieving many of

them, including becoming a Guinness World Record holder.

Around 250 motorbikes and classic took to the streets, with the procession around several towns in the county led by his mother Jane, who is to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in October.

She said: "It's just such a fantastic event."



Stephen Sutton

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cherish loved ones at website

A STAFFORDSHIRE hospice has launched a scheme to help people remember their loved ones while raising funds for its services at the same time.

St Giles Hospice's Cherished Forever Fund allows people to set up a lasting online tribute to celebrate the life of someone special to them.

They can use its web page to share memories and messages with family and friends, light virtual candles, raise funds for St Giles in memory of their loved one and see a running total of all donations. Visit www.stgiles.hospice.com/cherishedforeverfund for details.

Staffordshire Day 'has bright future'

THE leader of the county council says Staffordshire Day is likely to 'gather momentum in the years to come'.

The first ever Staffordshire Day was held on May 1 when thousands of residents took part in various celebrations in honour of the county's 1,000th anniversary.

County council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "Residents certainly showed their community spirit.

"Given the success of the first Staffordshire Day, I think we can look forward to seeing the celebrations gather momentum in the years to come."

Club fundraiser to help veterans

A CANNOCK club is taking part in a fundraiser day next week to raise money for injured veteran soldiers.

Hawkins Sports and Social in Copcice Lane, Cheslyn Hay, is hosting a family fun day to support the Help for Heroes charity. The event will include a charity football match, exotic animals, a live band, face painting, and the usual stalls and refreshments.

The football match will see the class of 2006 at Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley High Schools play each other.

Council to decide on planning applications

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land adjacent 65 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace - erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling

Cowley Hill Farm, Lichfield Road, Hamstall Ridware - agricultural determination: erection of fodder store.

Alder Farmhouse, Little Hay Lane, Lichfield - conversion of agricultural building to ancillary accommodation.

Comments about the applications must be received by May 30.

Walk from forest

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a nine-mile moderate walk from Needwood Forest, Yoxall. The meeting point is Hedgesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details, contact Neil on 01543 270862. New walkers are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Trams are 20s answer to a 1990s problem

DAVID Cameron has caused a diplomatic stir for saying Nigeria and Afghanistan are "fantastically corrupt". I'm sure he's right. But remind me, how many millions of taxpayers' money does the UK give to these countries? One set of figures suggests an eye-watering £280 million a year, which seems rather foolish when the Government seems to have little control over where it is going. Fantastically foolish, in fact.

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ABOUT 76,000 fans had to be evacuated from Old Trafford on Sunday after a suspected bomb device was found in a toilet.

Thankfully, there was no explosive, and the suspicious package turned out to be nothing more than a training device.

Still, some of the fans are furious at the incompetence, and who can blame them? For the Bournemouth supporters, it meant a wasted trip from the south coast. And for United fans, it meant another journey from the Home Counties.

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IT looks like Dudley will be retaining its status as Britain's largest town or city without a rail link after the council dropped plans for a light shuttle service from Dudley Port station. A shame they couldn't tell us before the local elections, but there you go.

Yet again, it seems to be talk about extending the Midland Metro which has thrown a spanner in the works. Just like it was in the mid-1990s, when the council shelved proposals for the return of a proper railway link to the town, in favour of this elusive tram scheme.

In the meantime, sites along the proposed Metro route have been blighted, with numerous attempts at regeneration hindered by the need to keep the route clear. Forgive my scepticism, but heavy electric trams are a 1920s solution to a 1990s transport problem.

The Metro scheme will cost £300 million, which will probably never materialise. It will also cause years of disruption to the Black Country road system, and affect many homes and businesses along the way. And by the time it sees the light of day, it will probably be about as up-to-date as a Sandie Shaw LP.

I very much doubt we will ever see the Midland Metro link from Wednesbury to Dudley, and frankly, I'm not sure I want to. I fear the main beneficiaries will not be the struggling town centres of the Black Country, but the areas that have already done pretty well out of regeneration policy.

The light shuttle service would have cost a fraction of the Metro, and could have been up and running within three years. A real missed opportunity.



Some of Hannah Reynolds's specially commissioned artwork



Local historian David Robbie at the exhibition launch



A close-up of Hannah Reynolds's exhibits

Tolkien celebration starts year-long tour



JRR Tolkien's Staffordshire Map by Hannah Reynolds



JRR Tolkien during the Great War

AN exhibition celebrating the author of The Lord of the Rings' links with Staffordshire has begun a year-long tour of the region.

This fascinating insight into the early years of one of the world's best-loved writers, and his time spent in Staffordshire, has already been seen by almost 4,000 visitors during its stay at the Museum of Cannock Chase.

'JRR Tolkien - Soldier and Myth Maker: JRR Tolkien in Staffordshire 1915-1918', organised by The Haywood Society, supported by Staffordshire County Council's libraries and arts service and the Museum of Cannock Chase, and funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund, is at Cannock Library throughout May.

Libraries chief Councillor Ben Adams said it is clear that Staffordshire had a profound

effect on the writer's formative years, and that the county is right to feel proud of those links when his worldwide appeal is probably at its highest.

"The Tolkien in Staffordshire story is one of war, comradeship, creativity, love and loss, and this exhibition offers visitors a rare chance to learn more about the author's stay in Staffordshire and what it was like to be a soldier in the Great War," Councillor Adams added.

Genuine

Highlights of the exhibition include rare photos and original sketches of domestic scenes and landscapes by Tolkien, not seen in Staffordshire since they left with the author in 1918, specially loaned by The Tolkien Estate and Bodleian Library.

One visitor said: "This is a fantastic introduction to how local history can be related to

national figures and bring a greater in-depth understanding to local history, in a unique and genuine way."

Another visitor said: "Go and see it, most interesting. Another gem of wisdom learned." Arriving in Staffordshire on August 17, 1915, JRR Tolkien would begin a connection with Staffordshire that would span the remaining years of the Great War and provide inspiration for the mythology and geography of what we now know as Middle-earth.

The author was stationed first at Whittington Heath, near Lichfield, next at a musketry camp at Newcastle-under-Lyme, then at Rugeley and Brocton Camps on Cannock Chase.

After seeing action during the infamous Battle of the Somme in June 1916, Tolkien spent a period of convalescence, with his new wife Edith, in Great Haywood.

The Tolkiens later briefly took up residence

in a cottage at Gipsy Green, Teddesley Park, near Penkridge. 'JRR Tolkien - Soldier and Myth Maker: JRR Tolkien in Staffordshire 1915-1918' can be visited at Cannock Library, during normal opening hours, until Wednesday, June 1.

The exhibition then moves to Rugeley Library until Saturday, July 2.

Organised

Events have been organised to accompany the exhibition, include a Tolkien talk by local historian and exhibition collaborator David Robbie and a family craft workshop with local artist Hannah Reynolds, whose work features prominently in the exhibition.

For more information, contact Cannock Library, via the Staffordshire County Council contact centre, on 0300 111 8000 or email cannock.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

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Spitfire salute to VE Day commemoration



One of the memorial flypasts Picture: Lee Chapman



On the make – ‘spiv’ re-enactor Denis Flack



Re-enactor Amos Burke evokes the spirit of the era



1940s style – Nicola Bannister, left, and Lee Bellingham

A SPITFIRE flew over the Museum of Cannock Chase to help commemorate VE Day in spectacular style.

It performed three flypasts over Hednesford while the museum hosted its first ever 1940s-themed event.

The event, which attracted more than 800 people, featured museum staff in 1940s costume.

About 60 re-enactors took part in the celebration representing Britain,

the United States and Germany. A town crier heralded the events which included Lindy Hop lessons with Dance With Me Henry.

The 1st Infantry Division US Second World War Living History Group helped recreate the atmosphere.

The One Accord choir performed wartime songs and led a sing-a-long, and children were able to have a go at wartime crafts. Children planted

seeds in Victory Corner and were able to take them home in their own pot.

Caterers served ration-type meals such as corned beef hash and spam and egg, and Cannock Chase Radio provided a roadshow.

Visitors services officer Rachel Gentle applied for permission for the Spitfire TE311 (Mk LF XVIE) to fly over. “It did three passes, then wagged its tail at the end to say goodbye.”

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WE thank everyone who voted for our candidates on Thursday, May 5. Alan Dudson was re-elected in Brereton & Ravenhill, Carl Bennett was also re-elected in Western Springs, and I retained Hagley for Labour, replacing outgoing councillor Andy Lovell.

Although we were not successful in Etching Hill and the Heath, we did manage to raise our vote slightly.

CHRISTINE MARTIN
Rugeley Labour Party

MAY I please thank everyone who turned out to vote for UKIP in Hawks Green.

Whilst I did not retain my seat I would like to thank the residents of Hawks Green for a wonderful 16 years representing them at district council level.

Congratulations to Daniel Snape to whom the baton has been passed. I wish you all the success for the future.

ANN BERNARD
Heath Hayes

Ignorant owners let their dogs run wild

WEEKENDS are not ideal to walk at Shoal Hill, as many visitors have out of control dogs.

I was walking there on Sunday morning when a man and woman approached and their huge, long-haired German Shepherd dog came bounding up, soaking wet, and deposited muddy paw marks onto me.

The man managed to capture it and said sorry, only to release it to try again. The woman remarked that, if I had a dog too, then theirs would not

have jumped up (maybe savage my dog instead?) as theirs 'only wants to play'. I replied that I should not need to bring a dog to enjoy a walk. I used to own dogs but only released them under control if no-one was around and then used to get other dogs running at them, often aggressively, with their owners' 'He won't bite' comment.

Nowadays, owners can be heard calling their dogs which have run off way out of sight doing who knows what, despite signs stating they should be kept

under control. Last week I saw two dogs near a horse rider, the owners trailing along way behind (luckily the dogs had more sense and stayed clear).

Then there is the dog mess, which most owners don't bother to clear up. The pavement outside my home always has fresh deposits.

I support various animal welfare charities and like dogs - it's just the ignorant owners I don't like.

STEPHEN FRASER
Huntington

Actor who liked to support hometown

THIS year is the 50th anniversary of Look Back In Anger by John Osborne, a play that came out in 1956 - the same year as the film The Prince & The Showgirl, starring Marilyn Monroe, and Walsall's very own Richard Wattis.

To me, Richard Wattis was a loyal and dedicated Walsallonian and liked to support his hometown and its civic organisations, even during the making of what became one of the most loved films in the world. Richard also starred in a Hitchcock Classic in 1956 called The Man Who Knew Too Much, which gave us one of the greatest songs in the world Que Sera Sera, sung by Doris Day.

The interesting thing about John Osborne and Richard Wattis was that Richard was born in the Midlands (Wednesbury) and died in London (Chelsea), whilst John was born in London (Fulham) and died in the Midlands (Clun). It is funny how various stories inter-link.

I PAYNE
Walsall

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Safety comes at a price

ISN'T it absolutely amazing that once more the WBA manager Tony Pulis has achieved the unbelievable feat of attaining 40 Premier League points and keeping another team safe from relegation. Unfortunately this comes at a price; never finishing in the top 10 is one, uninspiring agricultural 'football' is another, limited thrills, low goals and a Tony Pulis team can never dream of 'doing a Leicester'.

T TURNER
Rugeley

. . . more thanks to the voters

I WOULD like to take this opportunity to thank the neighbours in Hednesford who have placed their support in me to be their councillor.

I look forward to making a positive contribution to our community and meeting each of you in the coming weeks and months.

PAUL WOODHEAD
Hednesford South

MAY I take this opportunity to thank the residents who re-elected me as their Labour councillor.

I will continue to serve the ward with dignity, openness and commitment.

MAUREEN FREEMAN
Cannock South

I WOULD just like to thank all the electorate who voted for me on May 5 to represent them for another four years.

I would also like to thank friends and family who helped me to achieve this.

ALAN PEARSON
Hednesford North

Are we bothered about another war?

LET'S just assume that 'Call me Dave' is correct and Europe will descend into open warfare if we leave the EU.

Should we be bothered? Almost every country (there are nearly two hundred of them) has picked a fight with us and come away with a bloody nose to remind them not to do it again.

In the whole world, there are only twenty two countries we haven't invaded, and only five of them - Andorra, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Sweden and Vatican City - are located in Europe.

Of those, only Sweden and Luxembourg are actually in the EU. Sweden is neutral and therefore won't fight - that only leaves Luxembourg with an army of 790 soldiers to worry about. I think it's probably safe to leave the EU.

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Man in collision left hanging by seatbelt



The van involved in the collision at the junction of Penkridge Bank and Broadhurst Green in Cannock

A MAN was left hanging upside down by his seatbelt for 45 minutes following a collision involving a van and car.

The incident happened at the junction of Penkridge Bank and Broadhurst Green in Cannock, shortly before 2.15pm on Thursday.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "There were six patients in total when crews arrived, four from the car and two from the van."

"The most seriously injured patient

was the passenger in the van who was suspended by his seatbelt, upside down, when crews arrived.

"With the help of the fire service, who cut the door off the vehicle, the man was freed after his seatbelt was cut. He was treated at the scene for an arm injury and chest pain before being transported to New Cross Hospital."

"The van driver, a man, was uninjured in the incident, whilst the occupants of the car – four adults – were all treated for minor injuries," Mr Arrowsmith said. "All five were discharged at the scene."



The occupants of the car were injured

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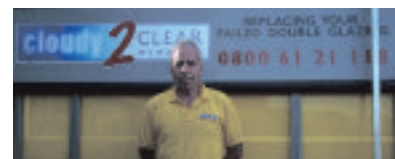
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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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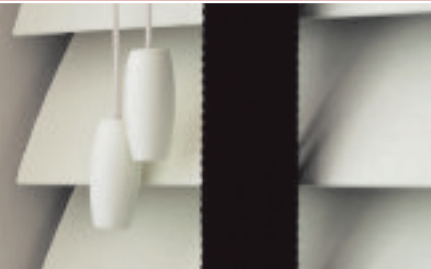
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Here comes summer – and a security warning

RESIDENTS in Staffordshire are being reminded to keep their homes and property safe as the summer approaches.

Staffordshire Police say security should be a high priority during good weather, as this is a time when opportunists take advantage of open windows and gates.

A force spokesman said: "Staffordshire is a safe county to live in, but we still need to be on our guard and take precautions to make life difficult for criminals.

"Make sure that your valuables are identifiable by marking them with your post-code and house number.

"Summer weather encourages us to leave our doors and windows open, but this is just what opportunist burglars are looking for.

"They don't plan their crimes – they just take advantage of an easy target – and what could be easier than a house where you don't even have to break in?

"Make life more difficult for burglars by keeping doors and windows locked when you are out and in all unoccupied rooms, and don't forget to make your house secure while you are out relaxing in the garden."

Extended

The force is urging holidaymakers, before they go, to cancel milk and paper deliveries and tell near neighbours.

"Ask someone you trust to be your key-holder and to make your house looks lived in, for example by opening and closing the curtains and taking in the post," the spokesman added.

"Use automatic timer switches to turn on lights and a radio. Cut your lawn before you go and if it is an extended holiday, try to arrange for a neighbour or friend to cut it while you are away."

"Put away all of your garden tools, ladders and garden furniture. "They can all be used to break into a house, and if you have a shed or garage, check that it is locked and secure.

Don't discuss your holiday plans on social media or where you could be overheard by strangers and don't put your home address on luggage. Keep it tucked inside your cases during the outward journey."

Good feeling about event



From left, June Bould, Cannock Sorooptimists president Carole Holdcroft and Kate Young look forward to the event

WOMEN can learn how to look good, and feel good, at a free event organised by Cannock Sorooptimists.

It takes place at Calf Heath Village Hall, at Straight Mile, next Friday, May 27, from 6.30pm and will provide information on issues connected with women's health and well-being, including nutrition, hand care, staying fit and dealing with ailments.

It will also feature information and advice on cancer-related matters and help on dealing with domestic abuse. A number of or-

ganisations will have information stands and some will give short presentations.

Trish Mellor of the group said: "It would help us greatly if anyone wishing to come along could book in, although turning up on the night will be fine, so that we can cater appropriately and so that we can be sure to have sufficient free information bags."

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Cheese and wine toasts The Queen

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed members to a cheese and wine evening which fell on the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Since the last meeting Cheryl Milward, Marion McCarthy and Margaret had a very enjoyable evening at the 90th Anniversary celebrations of Bishop's Wood WI. The afternoon tea event in support of Shareshill Church and village shop was very well attended and hopefully a substantial amount of money was raised.

Fifteen members had a splendid time at a homes and gardens day at Stafford and were entertained by cake-maker to royalty and celebrities Mitch Turner and flower arranger Jonathan Moseley.

The village is intending to hold a bring and share picnic on the school field in the afternoon on Saturday, June 11, to celebrate the Queen's official 90th birthday.

The president welcomed members to the AGM, especially those attending their first one. All present committee members are willing to carry on plus Sue Perks and Lynne Ruffelle would like to join the committee.

Before tucking in to the cheese and wine - beautifully prepared and supplied by Ann Shutt - the ladies sang happy birthday and drank a toast to Her Majesty the Queen on her 90th birthday. Brains were tested during the rest of the evening by a selection of quizzes devised by Julie Cornfield and after much amusement prizes were distributed.

Guild donation aids hospital department



Val Steadman, Pat Allen and Vanessa Butler hand over the cheque to Elaine Boffey

CHESLYN Hay Townswomen's Guild has supported its local hospital to the tune of £300. The money was given to the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust charity for the benefit of the Occupational Therapy Department at Cannock Chase Hospital.

Each year, the guild nominates local charities that members wish to support and this year the Occupational Therapy Department, particularly its craft group, was one of the beneficiaries. Blood Bikes also received a donation.

The craft group is used as part of a patient's recovery.

Chairman Val Steadman presented the cheque to occupational therapy assistant

Cheslyn Hay TG

Elaine Boffey at the recent guild AGM. The cause was chosen as Ness Butler, daughter of guild member Pat Allen, regularly attends the craft group.

Ness has a rare neurological condition Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM) and has been attending the Occupational Therapy Department at Cannock Hospital for the last 12 months.

Fundraising co-ordinator for the Royal Wolverhampton Trust Charity Leanne Bood said the donation was greatly appreciated.

Justin is stalk of the town

IN April, nurseryman Justin Harrison, from the Leese Hill Nurseries gave an enthusiastic talk on plants.

Justin captured the members' attention with a very informative talk and showed examples of his plants.

He taught how to prune correctly, how to set plants and foliage which comple-

Hednesford 'A' TWG

mented each other and also the best fertiliser to use for differing plants. Ladies were also able to buy plants from his selection.

Nine guild members and partners joined Cannock Guild playing skittles and enjoyed an ample buffet

lunch at the Hen House in Hednesford.

The guild has been invited to celebrate Cannock guild's 45th year at its birthday celebration dinner in May.

Several members are planning to visit Stafford Day to celebrate 1,000 years of Stafford at the the Museum of Cannock Chase.

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Zigmunt Cieslewicz, left, William Green, Sharon Jagger, Gina Fowler, Laura Nichols of the food safety team and Lynn Evans

CANNOCK Chase Council's food and safety team held a food preparation course for community groups from the area.

The pilot course took place at Trinity Church in Hednesford and was attended by volunteers from Friends of Hednesford Park and the food bank.

The 42 participants were shown, through fun activities and demonstrations, the importance of where to store raw foods in the fridge, food hygiene

in the kitchen – including when and how to wash hands – and the difference between 'use by' dates and 'best before' dates.

The course ended with a cooked lunch the group had prepared themselves.

Councillor Muriel Davis, portfolio leader for health and wellbeing, said: "Our officers were on hand to give support and advice to those attending, and the course ended with all participants

receiving a certificate and eating the lovely meal they had prepared."

The goal was to help volunteers, many of whom are vulnerable and isolated, to build their confidence and enable them to use new skills at home and in a work environment. Andy Williams from Friends of Hednesford Park said: "The course was an entertaining but fun way of remembering essential safety facts about delivering food to ourselves and other people."

Trust is the key word as new baby suite launches

A NEW baby and parent suite has been launched at a nursery in Burntwood.

The suite, at Busy Bees St Matthew's, was officially opened by the chairman of Burntwood Town Council, Councillor Pamela Stokes.

Assistant manager Sarah Tilsley said they were delighted to provide the new car package for babies.

"The Trust Us package has been designed to create a secure, comfortable and loving environment specifically for babies that will bring greater peace of mind to parents and particularly new mums and dads who need or want to return to the workplace," she said.

"In 2014, 80 per cent of new mums returned to work for reasons such as household finances, keeping up to date with their profession and their enjoyment of work, and this figure looks set to continue rising."

Busy Bees manager Caroline Cooper said: "We understand that quality childcare is of paramount importance for parents who work full-time and for those children who are away from



Pamela Stokes cuts the ribbon

home for a substantial part of the week. Working in partnership with parents, Trust Us enables us to understand the individual needs of each and every child and boasts a high 1:2 staff to child ratio, to ensure that only the highest quality of care is provided to all babies at nursery.

"This ratio gives nursery the oppor-

tunity to understand each baby's likes, dislikes and needs, so that the education and care provided is tailored to benefit each child individually."

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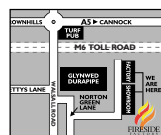
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New faces required for dance class



StreetCheer combines elements of cheerleading with street dancing

ORGANISERS of the Illusion StreetCheer dance class are looking for new members.

Positive Futures, which provides sporting and leisure opportunities for young people across Burntwood and Lichfield, runs weekly street cheer dance sessions in Friary Grange Leisure Centre's dance studio.

StreetCheer combines elements of cheerleading with

street dancing. No experience is necessary, as the moves are fairly easy to pick up.

The Illusion StreetCheer classes run on Fridays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm for ages nine to 13 and from 5.30pm to 6.30pm for ages 14 to 19. It costs £1 a session.

The classes do not need to be booked – just turn up and have a go.

War tree poetry contest

THE National Memorial Arboretum is inviting pupils to put their creative talents to the test in a poetry competition inspired by a tree that became a poignant symbol of hope during the Battle of the Somme.

The hornbeam tree was the only one left standing in Delville Wood, in Longueval, northern France, after the area was flattened during two months of heavy fighting, nearly 100 years ago.

The Arboretum's competition is open to all UK schools and has categories for students in KS2, KS3 and KS4.

It asks them to submit a poem on the theme of the surviving tree in return for the chance to receive a commemorative hornbeam sapling and plaque for their school.

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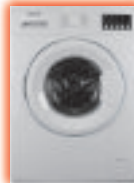
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Dispute on travellers' site to go to inquiry

A DISPUTE over the presence of travellers on green belt land at a Staffordshire village will be settled by a public inquiry.

Applicant John Cunningham wants the field in Coven Heath, close to the A449, to be used as a gipsy and traveller caravan site for up to four caravans. But following several objections from village residents the plans were thrown out by South Staffordshire Council in December.

Mr Cunningham is now appealing that decision and a public inquiry will take place on June 7.

Residents expressed numerous concerns when the scheme was first submitted in August concerning the loss of green belt land and the quantity of traffic entering and exiting the site.

The field lies between Shaw Hall Lane at the northern end of the village and a canal towpath. The application was classified as 'part-retrospective' and it is understood travellers moved onto the site in August.

Shaw Hall Lane resident Ian Preece



The entrance to the travellers' site

was one of those who objected. He said: "On one Friday afternoon many rigid body tipper lorries turned up tipping many hundreds of tons of hard-core in driveway to 'The Field' for hardstanding which very inconveniently blocked the lane and made a large mess at the end of my newly drive which sits almost directly opposite this new drive-

way. This was all done without any planning consent and/or liaison with the local planning office or locals which the illegal development could affect." Another resident, Lynne Goalby, said the development would result in an 'unacceptable disturbance' and 'loss of privacy' to homeowners.

Several objectors also raised concerns about the number of traveller sites already existing in the area.

South Staffordshire Council is still to publish its Site Allocations Document which will set out the 'most suitable' sites for traveller pitches.

Councillor Diane Holmes, who represents Brewwood and Coven, said: "There are concerns about the number of sites in this area. As local councillors we can't have objections to it - we are meant to take more traveller sites than we have previously had."

"But we do feel inundated in Brewwood and Coven. There is just nothing to be done about it. The Site Allocations Document has not been finalised and things may change."

The public inquiry will take place at the council's offices in Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, from 10am.

Digger team call in on charity journey



The eye-catching digger was put on display at Finning (UK) Ltd for employees to look around

A CANNOCK company welcomed the Ripping Up The UK team on their 877-mile fundraising journey from John O'Groats to Land's End.

The team were undertaking the challenge in a limited edition gun-metal grey Cat 432F2 Backhoe Loader in aid of SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground) Cannock.

To celebrate the visit to Caterpillar dealer Finning (UK) Ltd, which marked the midway point of the trek, the eye-catching digger was put on

display for employees to look around. Finning also organised a fundraising 'dress down' day and hog roast with all proceeds going to SNAP.

Designed specifically for children with special needs, SNAP features outdoor adventure play equipment, an indoor soft play area, craft room and multi-sensory room.

The charity will use the funds to replace heavily used, damaged play equipment, update its sensory toys and add more facilities for adults and

caregivers. During their visit to Finning on the A5, the Ripping Up The UK team were presented with a surprise donation of £2,000 from the firm.

SNAP director Gavin Elson, who has been driving the machine across the UK, said: "We've set a very ambitious fundraising target of £25,000 so Finning's generosity will help no end."

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Care home criticism leads to action plan

Builder wins site awards



From left, Lovell partnering manager Carl Yale, Lovell's Cannock Chase senior project manager Paul Meakin, Lovell's customer service manager for refurbishments in Daventry Sandra Shiner, and Cannock Chase Council's Mark Tunstall

LOVELL has won Considerate Constructors Scheme National Site Awards – an accolade given to only the UK's most considerate construction projects – for its work on two major Midland housing improvement programmes.

The scheme has presented a Silver Award to Halesowen-based Lovell in recognition of its community-focused approach to a large-scale home improvement programme for Daventry and District Housing. The company's team undertaking a long-term housing

refurbishment scheme for Cannock Chase District Council has also received a Bronze Award.

In Cannock, Lovell has been working with Cannock Chase Council since 2004, carrying out housing refurbishment work.

Councillor Frank Allen, housing portfolio leader for Cannock Chase Council, said: "It has been a pleasure working with Lovell on this contract. We have had a very positive response from residents and we are delighted that Lovell has won this award."

A CARE home in Burntwood with 'insufficient' staffing levels has been told by inspectors it 'requires improvement'.

Chaseview Nursing Home in Water Street was also told it needs to improve safety, effectiveness and leadership following a Care Quality Commission visit.

The CQC report found relatives were unhappy about the registered manager's response to their concerns about staffing levels. The home, which cares for 50 people, has refuted the low staffing level claims and said it would be formally challenging the report.

The report said: "We also found people's ability to make choices had not been assessed and staff had not demonstrated why they had made decisions in their best interest, on their behalf. Staff were aware how they should protect people from the risk of abuse but some incidents of potential abuse had not been reported, as required, to the local authority and ourselves."

Positive

The report said staff were not acting in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and there was an 'insufficient number' of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced staff to make sure care and treatment needs were met. But inspectors also praised the service and rated its level of caring and responsiveness as 'good' following the site visit in March.

A spokesman for the home said that although they were pleased to receive positive feedback on the kind, person-centred care provided, they were disappointed with the CQC's comments on staffing levels.

He said: "We believe we have the right number of experienced staff required to support residents."

"While there are no CQC guidelines on staffing levels, our numbers are based on the individual needs of residents and are in line with sector standards."

"We intend to formally challenge the CQC's findings. An action plan is in place to address the CQC's wider feedback."

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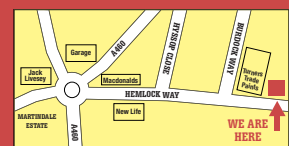
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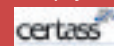
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16 Jobs fairs to point way to career opportunities

The Chronicle Thursday, May 19, 2016

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling is holding her first jobs fair at the Rugeley Rose Theatre on Friday, June 17, from 10am until 1pm.

The aim of the event is to help put hundreds of job seekers directly in touch with local employers.

Ms Milling is calling on local employers with vacancies to sign up to exhibit at the jobs fair, which is open to businesses from across Cannock Chase and the wider area.

The event is free for employers exhibiting, as well as for job seekers attending the event.

The MP said: "Whether a business is engineering, retail, transport or technology, whether it's a big national employer or a smaller local one, the fair will give them the opportunity to reach potential new employees."

To register to exhibit at the jobs fair, call 01543 877142 or email amanda.milling.mp@parliament.uk

● Chase Terrace Technology College is holding an engineering careers fair on Wednesday, May 25 to help students take charge of their future by building skills and confidence and opening up new opportunities for



Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling

them. The event from 5pm to 7pm in the college's New Skills Centre will give students and idea of what options are available to them in engineering when they leave school.

The event at the college in Bridge Cross Road is open to all young people and parents from across any geographical area. They will have the

opportunity to meet more than 40 local, national and global representatives from many different organisations - direct employment, higher apprenticeships, officer or graduate routes - as well as training providers, further education and higher education providers.

They can also find out more about the college's new sixth form engineering qualification and the TechBacc (technical baccalaureate).

The companies who will be attending include Jaguar Land Rover, National Grid and BAM Nuttall as well as many other local companies, colleges and training providers.

For more information about the evening, call 01543 682286 extension 223 and ask for Mrs Poppleton or Mrs Bynt in the Learning Resource Centre.

● Cannock Chase Council's free jobs fair takes place today (Thursday).

There will be more than 40 exhibitors offering job and apprenticeship opportunities, along with information and guidance on CV writing, interview techniques and starting a business.

The event takes place from 10am to 2pm at Cannock's Civic Centre.

Pavilion in £2m park revamp about to reopen



The view from inside the new-look pavilion at Hednesford Park

HEDNESFORD Park's pavilion is set to reopen in the next couple of weeks following an extensive renovation.

The pavilion has been remodelled to feature a ground-floor ice cream parlour, café and kiosk, community room, with balcony toilets and changing room facilities. The downstairs 'Par-

lour at the Pavilion' is an ice cream parlour, sandwich shop and coffee bar, that will target families and serve an artisan fresh dairy ice cream menu, sandwiches, savouries, afternoon and cream teas, cakes and bakes.

The American milk bar themed parlour can seat up to 28 covers inside

and has additional seating on the outside terrace, with the kiosk operating at peak times to speed up the service for park visitors.

The renovation work on the pavilion is part of the £2.2 million Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for the development of Hednesford Park in 2012.

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Synth-pop duo are in harmony

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

WEST Midlands synth duo Field Harmonics seem to have found the common ground between Clannad and Depeche Mode on their sometimes magnificent, sometimes derivative, second album **Corners**.

The electro-pop pair consist of Wolverhampton musician and producer Rob Glover, from experimental outfit epic45, and 19-year-old singer-songwriter Bryony Williams.

Highlights include the two singles Life and Heron, the sombre grandeur of Words and epic closing track Fear.

These People, the first album in six years from former Verve frontman Richard Ashcroft, celebrates his melancholy melodic strengths whilst also exploring a harder electronic sound on opener Out Of My Body and single Hold On.

The fact that Ashcroft is reunited with Will Malone, who helped create the string arrangements on classic Verve albums A Northern Soul, Urban Hymns and Ashcroft's solo debut Alone With Everybody, can ensure anyone who counts A Song for the Lovers among their favourites that they are in safe hands. This is How It Feels and closing track Songs Of Experience both have that languorous Ashcroft quality and, a few lyrical platitudes aside, this is a solid return to form.

Young Norwegian DJ and producer Kygo (it rolls off the tongue easier than Kyrre Gervell-Dahl) will make a considerable impact with his debut album **Cloud Nine**, as it is chock-full



West Midlands synth duo Field Harmonics pictured in concert

of special guest singers including John Legend, Foxes, Labrinth and Kodakline.

The classically trained pianist turned Wireless festival headliner has already notched up one billion plays on Spotify and his album boasts three hits – Stole The Show featuring Parson James, Firestone with Conrad Sewell and Stay featuring teenager Maty Noyes. Raging featuring Kodakline will be the next.

What these songs cleverly do is combine pop hooks with the feel-good euphoria of dance music, though like most current pop it tends to the bland.

At his best Jake Webb, leader of Aussie trio **Methyli Ethel**, is like a lo-fi Brian Wilson. He wrote, sang and played everything on debut album **Oh Inhuman Spectacle**, and formed the band to take his music from the bedroom to the world.

He shares a similar eclectic neo-psychedelic style with fellow Perth scene luminaries Tame Impala, though the nearest fit with Webb's quirky atmospheric style is Mercury Rev circa Deserter's Songs.

A few tracks still have the hallmarks

of bedroom laptop noodling but there are several moments of pop brilliance, including jangly gems Rogues and Twilight Driving.

Another Splash of Colour: New Psychedelia in Britain 1980-1985 is a handsome three disc boxed set from RPM with a detailed booklet looking at the mostly London based bands that formed this scene that developed out of the Mod revival and New Wave.

There are some golden nuggets among the 64 tracks, including songs from The Attractions (minus Elvis Costello), The Soft Boys and their leader Robyn Hitchcock, Julian Cope, Freight Train and The Green Telescope. But there is also a lot of mediocre stuff from various Mod outfits and punks (Charlie Harper, Captain Sensible).

The interesting psych revival was actually taking place across the Atlantic, featuring The Bangles, The Rain Parade and Prince on his *Around The World In A Day* album, and the proper next stage of British psychedelic rock came in 1989 with the arrival of The Stone Roses and The Charlatans.

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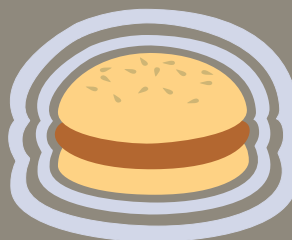
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police dogs and their owners. This is the second time the fund has held such an event.

The first event was held last September and proved a big success with more than 170 runners and 80 dogs taking part to raise much needed funds.

Staffs Police Cadets will act as mar-

shalls on the course. Staffordshire Police's mascot Kash will also be there to lend a paw.

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Making the M6 Toll free 'would bring a boost for county'

A FREE M6 Toll would bring a huge boost to the economy of the surrounding areas, according to councillors in Hednesford.

The clerk of the town council is now set to write to the Government in a bid to try to convince it to buy the trunk road and make it free.

Councillors say it could alleviate congestion on the M6 and improve trade links across the whole area. The toll road was put up for sale in February, and South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson urged Roads Minister Andrew Jones to explore taking the road into state ownership.

In March, town clerk Peter Harrison wrote on behalf of Hednesford Town Council to Transport Minister Patrick McLoughlin to back calls for the abolition of charges for traffic on the M6 Toll.

In a reply dated March 23 from Andrew Jones, there was no mention of the charge issue but there was a statement saying the Department of Transport understood the importance of the road and a commitment to improvements to roads in the region.

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "The letter doesn't say anything at all. It is the most underused road in the country and having it operating as a toll is having a negative impact on trade."

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"The Government should step in and buy it and make it free. We know they've got the money because they can find it when it suits them. It would alleviate such a lot of traffic and be a huge benefit to everyone using the road."

It was agreed that Mr Harrison will write again to Mr Jones to demand answers.

In its last set of financial figures, for 2014, toll operating company Midland Expressway cut its losses to £28.6 million, from £32.5m the year before.

And traffic numbers have been improving all the time.

This has been put down to the UK's improving economy as well as drivers looking for an alternative to the roadworks and heavy traffic clogging the main M6 through the whole region.

Janey back with messages



Janey Hitchcock – 'people take themselves way too seriously'

PSYCHIC medium Janey Hitchcock, who is appearing once again at the Rose Theatre on Thursday, May 26, with her show 'An Evening with the Extra Large Medium', has come a long way since her time nearly a decade ago as a stallholder in Rugeley Market.

She now appears at theatres throughout the country and has worked with other mediums, including the late Colin Fry.

She sees what she does as a little bit different to most mediums and injects a large dose of humour into what is a very serious subject.

Janey said: "People take them-

selves way too seriously, and forget where they've come from, and who they are. Which is why I named the show as I did."

However, the show does have a serious side, and Janey does give messages that people say are remarkably accurate, with some people returning to see her at different venues.

"The audience are the show," Janey added.

"Without people, there is no show. I love the interaction with people."

Tickets are £14 and are available on 07950 594478 or on the door.

Spending power of area's tourists adds up to £1.7bn

Tesco launches unsold food for needy scheme

TOURISTS spend more than £1.7 billion a year on taking trips to Staffordshire and neighbouring Shropshire, a new report says.

The latest data from the Office for National Statistics highlights the essential role played by the tourism industry, and also provides a breakdown of the different roles played by day trippers, foreign holidaymakers, and people with second homes.

Of the 34 regions of the country measured by the figures, only seven achieved a smaller proportion of economic output than Shropshire and Staffordshire. Day trippers played the most

significant role in supporting the tourism economy of Shropshire and Staffordshire.

People coming for a single day from within the UK spend £1.09bn in the two counties, with overnight visits from British tourists leading to £379.2 million of spending.

The figures, released last week but covering the year 2013, also show that people with a second home in the area brought in £144m. The region has still to work on its international appeal, however, with overseas visitors contributing £137.1m to the two counties.

TESCO in Cannock is launching a scheme which distributes unsold food directly to those in need.

The supermarket is calling on charities and community groups in and around Cannock to register for the scheme which sees unsold food become meals for vulnerable people in the town.

As part of its ongoing pledge to cut food waste, Tesco's Community Food Connection programme, with FareShare FoodCloud, recruits and supports charities and community groups, linking them to Tesco stores via an app that allows store teams to alert them to sur-

plus unsold food items available at the end of each day.

The unsold food is free and includes fresh produce, such as fruit, vegetables and bakery products.

Chilled products like meat, dairy and ready meals are also offered.

Rachel Finn, head of community food programmes at Tesco, said: "We are looking forward to forging strong links with local charities and community groups in Cannock."

Charities or community groups in Cannock should register their interest by visiting www.fareshare.org.uk/fareshare-foodcloud

MP digs deep to help out pupils



Students from Cheslyn Hay Primary School visit Cheslyn Hay Allotments with Gavin Williamson, right

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson got stuck in on an allotment to learn more about healthy eating.

Mr Williamson visited Cheslyn Hay Allotments with students from Cheslyn Hay Primary School to find out about the benefits of growing your own food.

Projects at the allotments have included promoting gardening among the children as well as cultivating a First World War-style garden plot.

During his visit Mr Williamson joined Councillor Dave Lockley and the Cheslyn Hay pupils to plant potatoes, onions and sow beetroot.

He also helped out crushing apples

for fresh juice. He described his visit to Cheslyn Hay Allotments as 'a brilliant time'.

"It is fantastic to see how the allotment is continuing to grow and to play an important part in the local community," he added.

"I think it's a brilliant idea to get more children to take an interest in how food is grown and a balanced diet. "The pupils seemed to have really enjoyed planting their own vegetables and making their apple juice and I hope it encourages them to get out into the garden and grow some more."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the visit and I wish all those involved in the project every success for the future." First

given to the community in 1892, the allotments now number more than 100 plots and play host to a variety of events, with much of many of their surplus produce being sold locally.

Laura Finazzo, Year 2 teacher at the school, said: "The students thoroughly enjoyed it. They've fertilised plants, picked rhubarb and all other sorts of things. They also made pure apple juice, which was amazing for them."

"They came back with lots of stories to tell and they're constantly asking when they go back."

"We've got two trips back next term, and we plan to be part of it for a few years."

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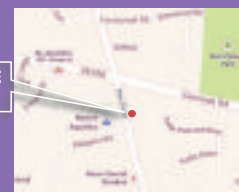
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Council officially opens its new base



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MEMBERS of the community, together with local dignitaries, helped celebrate Burntwood Town Council's official reopening of the Old Mining College Centre, Chasetown, as its new home.

Jayne Minor, senior administration officer at the council, said: "The town council would like to thank D and P

Rogers Catering of High Street, Chasetown, for their generosity in providing the buffet.

"Since the building transferred to the town council last September, the IT suite has been upgraded, the railings to the front of the building have been refurbished, the kitchens have been replaced and upgraded, and

works to tidy and improve the appearance of the garden have been carried out."

The town council says it is keen for the building to become a community hub and it is hoped that the improvements will encourage more local groups and businesses to use the facilities for meetings and training events.

Row over marathon man runs and runs

THE row over Penkridge marathon man Mark Vaz has taken another twist with his former coach revealing that the runner never disclosed any of his data to him despite repeated requests.

Steve O'Brien, who separated from Mark after his failed Land's End to John O' Groats run in March, has now said that his past achievements need to be questioned.

He also cast doubt over his alleged world record Land's End to John O' Groats run, asking how a man who ran a marathon in five hours could then run 150 miles in 20 hours.

He said: "People are beginning to distance themselves from him. 'I have seen some of the data - or what he says is the data - relating to his record run, and there are some significant inconsistencies. 'I worked closely with him as he did marathons 246 to 250 running from Penkridge to Oxford. 'I saw how much effort that took



Mark Vaz completes a marathon

and he looked a lot fresher after this John O' Groats challenge than he did after the run to Oxford. I tried to discuss the injury back in March with him but he was very evasive. 'He then ran a marathon some 24 hours later, and that is when I began

to ask questions. In the past he had a habit of posting injuries that were not his on social media."

However, Mr Vaz has hit back, stating that Steve O'Brien was never his coach and just someone who 'jumped on the bandwagon'.

He said: "I can't believe I am having to answer these questions. Steve has never been my coach, he was someone who used to be part of my running group and jumped on the bandwagon. He never asked me for any data and I have always been upfront with him. 'I posted a picture of my friend who had torn his hamstring saying 'this is what a torn hamstring looks like' and that person can back me up."

Officials at the Guinness Book of World Records have confirmed there was no sign of marathon man Mark Vaz holding any running records.

The Penkridge window cleaner claimed to have run the 860-mile or so route in seven days, 18 hours and 45 minutes, shaving over 31 hours off the previous world record.

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Band to perform classics

A POPULAR musical group will bring a touch of brass to Darlaston Town Hall on Saturday. Featuring the City of Lichfield Concert Band, the two-hour concert will include songs by Glen Miller, tunes from James Bond films and other favourite classics. The band was launched 100 years ago and after a long break as a result of the Second World War, the band was re-started in 1985 and regularly gives performances in the wider West Midlands area, as well as Lichfield. Doors open at 6.30pm, for a 7pm start. Tickets, at £5 a head, can be bought by calling 0845 111 2900.

Workers at NHS trust highlight 'bullying'

DOZENS of NHS workers in Staffordshire have claimed they have suffered bullying, harassment and abuse at work.

But only a third of them have reported an issue. The figures are based on a survey of staff at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs the county's two major hospitals.

The results also outed the organisation as among the worst in the country for work-related stress.

The findings come as an independent report was published into the handling of the whistleblower by bosses at nearby New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton.

The inquiry found the hospital's managing body the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, had also mistreated a staff member who is currently suspended.

Results from the 2015 NHS Survey showed that out of around 300 people at the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust who took part, 28 per cent of them claimed that they had been bullied – around 85 people.

Suffer

And out of those, about two thirds – 56 – had suffered in silence admitting they had not reported it.

The proportion claiming to suffer from abuse in the organisation is similar to the last poll in 2014.

But it is still considerably higher than the national average which is at 25 per cent.

Around 125 people declared they had suffered work-related stress which ranks the trust in the worst 20 per cent in the country.

Meanwhile, in clinical areas, in the region of 107 workers stated they had witnessed potentially harm-

By Carl Jackson

ful errors, near misses or incidents but 15 per cent of those – 16 employees – admitted they did not report it.

The trust did see more positive outcomes in answers to other questions with staff motivation above the national average and UHNM being ranked in the top 20 per cent in the country for staff not working extra hours.

The organisation is also one of the best in the region for staff recommending it as a place to receive care.

Ro Vaughn, director of human resources, said it was hard to compare results with the last questionnaire in 2014 because the trust has since absorbed County Hospital in Stafford following the dissolution of Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

She said: "There were no significant areas of deterioration.

"It is quite difficult to make direct comparison to the results in 2014 because this is the first survey as UHNM.

"We definitely have challenges – clearly our aspiration is to be in the top 20 per cent for all of these answers," she added.

"We are not there yet and we have still got work to do in some areas."

Search begins to recruit an extra 60 foster families

THE search has begun for more foster carers in Staffordshire.

There are about 400 fostering households in the county, and with the number of children needing a loving home on the increase, more are being urged to come forward.

"There's no such thing as a typical foster carer," Councillor Mike Lawrence, cabinet member for children at the county council, said.

"Many people rule themselves out of fostering because they think they won't be considered as they are too young or too old, they don't own their own home, or are not married. But this is not

the case, and our campaign is reminding people to think again."

To tie in with Foster Care Fortnight, which started on Monday, the council's fostering bus will be touring the county to encourage more foster families to come forward.

The latest campaign hopes to recruit 60 families. The bus will be visiting the following areas, among others: Monday, May 23 – Lichfield Market Square; Tuesday, May 24 – Rugeley Market Square

A series of fostering information events includes on at the Roman Way Hotel, Cannock on June 8 at 7pm.

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Dream finally comes true as Pat gets to ride a horse

STAFFORDSHIRE'S education chief has praised a Rugeley school which is shortlisted for a top national award.

Etching Hill CofE Primary School has been shortlisted in the 'Early Years setting of the year' category of the Times Educational Supplement's national awards for 2016.

Ben Adams, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "The school's Early Years work, covering children in pre-school, nursery and reception, is clearly among the very best in the country."

"Parents must be very pleased to know their children are getting such an outstanding start to their school career," Councillor Adams added.

Stolen caravans are returned

A TOTAL of 10 stolen caravans worth £100,000 have been recovered in Staffordshire over the last three weeks.

All the caravans are believed to have been stolen in the past few months but have now been found by officers. Last Friday saw three of the 10 – worth around £100,000 in total – returned to their owners.

Anyone with information relating to stolen caravans should call Staffordshire Police on 101.

IT'S been a lifelong ambition of Patrick Graffy's to find out what it's like to ride a horse – and at 80 his dream has finally come true, with a little help from St Giles Hospice.

In June last year Patrick, from Colton, near Rugeley, was given 12 months to live after doctors diagnosed him with the rare lung condition idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

By David Banner

The illness means that Patrick, better known as Pat, needs an oxygen cylinder to help him breathe – and unfortunately this has made it very difficult for most local riding schools to be able to help him achieve his horseriding ambition.

However, as Pat explains, that all changed after he was put in touch with Tricia Evans from St Giles Hospice's Community Team.

"Riding a horse is something I have wanted to do for many, many years but I never got round to it," says Pat.

"Fortunately, Tricia at St Giles was able to help me to find a stables that could help, which was absolutely fantastic."

Tricia, who, as Pat's Advanced Specialist Practitioner in Palliative Care, is jointly supporting his care

with a community matron, made contact with the Company of Horsemen, based nearby in Wolsley Bridge, which uses horses for battle re-enactments around the country as well as for TV and films.

The Company of Horsemen Directors Spencer Ratcliffe and Kimberley Joesbury accompanied Pat on his ride – and said that it had been a pleasure to help him fulfil his dream.

As well as community support, Pat will be visiting St Giles' Compassus Inpatient Centre for a week's respite care to take a break from the day-to-day stresses of managing his condition – something which has become more difficult following the death of his wife Betty in December.



Patrick Graffy on horseback with Tricia Evans of St Giles Hospice and Spencer Ratcliffe of the Company of Horsemen

Asparagus finally makes appearance

PHEW – the asparagus is coming through.

Owners of Canalside Farm, near Rugeley, were relieved to see the first spears of asparagus peeping through.

Normally the crop is picked around April 10 – but after ground frosts in March and last month, the harvest has been 'severely delayed'.

Farm Owner Chris Barton said: "It is always difficult to plan when asparagus season is going to start."

"It is a completely temperature-driven crop. But this is the latest we've ever known it."

"To be a month late is unheard of for us."

"It will shorten the length of our asparagus season quite considerably."

Solo performers at church show

A MUSICAL evening is being staged at St Paul's Methodist/United Reformed Church, in Lichfield Street, Rugeley, on Saturday.

The show starts at 7pm. Light refreshments are included in the ticket price of £5 which is payable on the door.

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Young volunteers praised for their support

TEENAGE volunteers who help run a local support group for young people suffering with family loss received praise after speaking about their experiences at a national conference.

Phoenix at St Giles – part of the St Giles Hospice charity – offers support services to children affected by bereavement across Cannock, Walsall

and other parts of Staffordshire. Members of the group, launched in 2014, were invited to speak to health professionals at a conference held in Leeds, organised by the National Council for Palliative Care.

Toby Scott, communications manager for NCPC, said: "The Phoenix group stood out for their quiet de-

termination not to be silenced by the trauma of losing a loved one.

"What's most impressive is that Phoenix isn't just a group for young people, but one organised and shaped by them.

"It's important for organisations, including the NCPC, to hear the voices of people dealing with these issues."

Hundreds rounded up in 'dangerous breeds' campaign

AROUND 600 dogs in Staffordshire and the West Midlands have been seized by police for being banned breeds during the past three years.

Figures also show that hundreds of dogs considered a threat have been put down after being confiscated under the Dangerous Dogs Act since 2011.

It is illegal to own, breed, import or sell pit bull terriers, Japanese tosas, dogo Argentinos, also known as Argentine mastiffs, and fila Brasileiro dogs without specific exemption from a court. Dogs matching many of the characteristics of a pit bull terrier are also a banned type.

These breeds are considered potentially dangerous to other people, children and pets. Before 1997, they faced a mandatory death sentence but now the court can decide whether to grant a reprieve if it is satisfied an animal poses no danger to public.

Between April 1 2013 and March 31 this year, West Midlands Police has seized a total of 572 dogs as being prohibited breeds. All but three of them were pit bull types with the others confirmed as Japanese tosas.

Number

The force says it has been working to enforce the law and raise awareness to reduce the number of banned breeds being rounded up.

Figures show that the number of dogs seized each year fell during the period. A total of 211 were reported in 2013-14, 187 in 2014-15 and 174 in 2015-16.

Insp Russell Evans, from the dangerous dogs unit at West Midlands Police, said: "A lot of work has been done to promote responsible dog ownership."

Figures show that 374 dogs, seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act, were put down between 2011 and 2014.

During the same period, Staffordshire Police seized 29 dogs with all but two reported as pit bull types. They also discovered a fila Brasileiro and a dogo Argentino.

Insp Chris Dawson said: "Staffordshire is a less densely populated area than the West Midlands with more rural areas. This attracts owners to a different type of dog, which may account for the lower numbers of prohibited breeds seizures.

"Our focus, here in Staffordshire, is on bite prevention, so we're training our PCSOs to work with their local schools to raise awareness of how children should interact safely with dogs."

Twiddlemuff knitters plea



Staffordshire Libraries' Yvonne Priest with a Twiddlemuff

A NATIONAL NHS scheme to help patients with dementia has put out an urgent call for knitters.

Staff, volunteers and community groups at libraries across Staffordshire are responding by putting their knitting needles to good use knitting Twiddlemuffs for patients with dementia.

A Twiddlemuff is a thick hand muff with trimmings such as ribbons, beads, buttons and zips attached to the inside and out, designed to combat restlessness and agitation in dementia patients by keeping their hands busy as well as stimulating the mind. As part

of Staffordshire Libraries' activities for Dementia Awareness Week, which runs until Saturday, libraries are encouraging residents to join with them to produce Twiddlemuffs to be donated to local charities and dementia friendly groups.

Libraries are also holding free drop-in events for anyone seeking advice or information about support available for those with dementia.

Events include a coffee afternoon at Cannock Library from 2 to 4pm today. Twiddlemuffs including those created by Cannock Library's Knit and Natter group will be presented to Cannock MASE group.

6,300 uninsured vehicles seized in crackdown

MORE than 6,300 vehicles have been seized by Staffordshire Police officers in the first three years of a landmark crackdown on car insurance dodgers.

Cars Behind Bars has seen 6,343 cars, vans, motorcycles, mopeds, lorries and even a tractor seized – with more than 2,349 vehicles scrapped – since it was launched in May 2013.

Meanwhile, more than 149 higher-value uninsured vehicles have been sold off at auction with the proceeds going back into local communities in Staffordshire.

Cars Behind Bars uses Staffordshire's automatic

number plate recognition (ANPR) system that identifies those flouting the law.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernie O'Reilly, from Staffordshire Police, said: "We are committed to this area of policing and on a daily basis our officers seek out and target those committing these offences."

The fixed penalty fine for people who are caught without insurance was increased nationally from £200 to £300 in 2013. Motorists also face having their car being seized, could be summoned to court and be disqualified, and an endorsement of six penalty points.

Edwina tells of her support for hospice at talk

MORE than 400 women descended on Stafford to hear Edwina Currie talk about her life as part of a fundraiser for Katharine House Hospice.

The annual Ladies Luncheon was a huge success, with the afternoon making more than £6,500 for the charity.

Edwina spoke about her life in politics, her meetings with Margaret Thatcher, her appearances on reality television and even took a moment to offer a few words of advice on US Presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Her stories had the audience in fits of laughter and her views on the EU ref-

erendum and the 'academisation' of schools got rounds of applause.

The speech was called 'Lessons Learned from a lifetime in politics (and reality TV)' and Edwina took questions after she had finished.

She also signed books at the end of her talk, offering her royalties to Katharine House.

She said: "For the me the whole hospice movement is really important. In one sentence, any of us might need them and if you want them to be there when you do you should support them at all other times."

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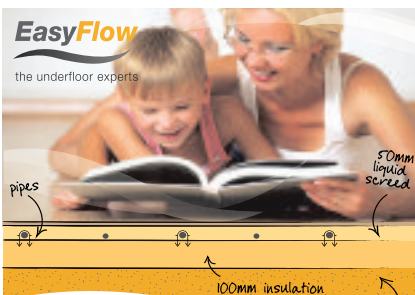
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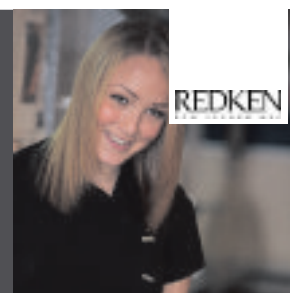


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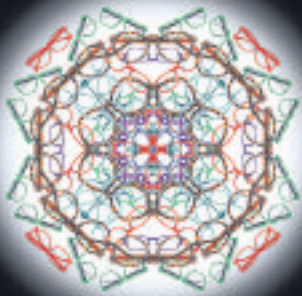
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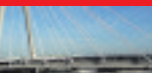
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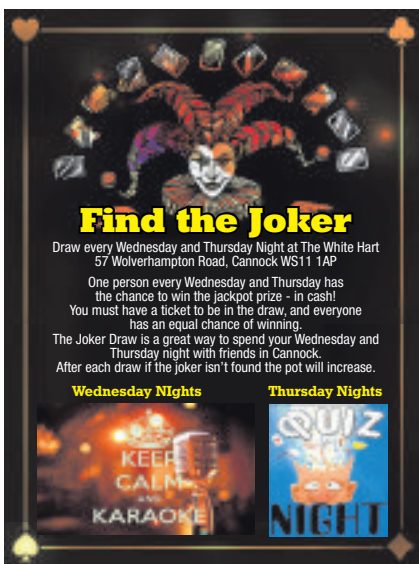
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Fri at 7.30am, Sat at 7.30am, Sun at 7.30am, Mon at 7.30am, Tue at 7.30am, Wed at 7.30am, Thu at 7.30am, Free
Himley Hall & Park, Dudley, West Midlands, DY3 4DF. Call 01384 817817

The REP - Backstage Tours
Sat at 11am,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre, St George's Court, Albion Street, Birmingham, B1 2EP. Call 0121 236 4455

A Celebration Of Women And Art
Thu at 1pm - 1.45pm,
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH. Call 0121 303 1966

Theatre Tour
Sat at 10.30am,
New Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street Queensway, Birmingham, West Midlands, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

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Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 2pm - 6pm, Sun at 11am - 3pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free
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National Trust: Wightwick Manor
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Wightwick Manor and Gardens, Wightwick Bank, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV6 8EE. Call 01902 760100

Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford
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West Midland Safari Park, Spring Grove, Bewdley., Worcestershire., DY12 1LF. Call 01299 40211

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Fri at 12pm - 4pm, Sat at 12pm - 4pm, Sun at 12pm - 4pm, Tue at 12pm - 4pm, Wed at 12pm - 4pm, Thu at 12pm - 4pm, Free
Broadfield House Glass Museum, Compton Drive, Kingswinford, West Midlands, DY6 9NS. Call 01384 812745

Dudley Zoo & Castle
Fri at 10am - 5.30pm, Sat at 10am - 5.30pm, Sun at 10am - 5.30pm, Mon at 10am - 5.30pm, Tue at 10am - 5.30pm, Wed at 10am - 5.30pm, Thu at 10am - 5.30pm, £0 - £13.60
Dudley Zoological Gardens, Castle Hill, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 4QF. Call 0844 474 2272

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Fri at 11am - 5pm, Sat at 11am - 5pm, Sun at 11am - 5pm, Mon at 11am - 5pm, Tue at 11am - 5pm, Wed at 11am - 5pm, Thu at 11am - 5pm, Free
The Museum Of Cannock Chase, Valley Road, Cannock, Hednesford, Cannock, WS12 1TD. Call 01543 877666

Walsall Museum
Fri at 10am - 5pm, Sat at 10am - 4pm, Tue at 10am - 5pm, Wed at 10am - 5pm, Thu at 10am - 5pm, Free
Walsall Museum, Lichfield Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1TR. Call 01922 653116

National Trust: Moseley Old Hall
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Moseley Old Hall, Moseley Old Hall Lane, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, WV10 7HY. Call 01902 782808

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Thoroughly Modern Millie
Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm, Prince Of Wales Centre, Church Street, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1DE. Call 01543 578762

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Jackie The Musical
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New Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street Queensway, Birmingham, West Midlands, B5 4DS. Call 0844 871 3011

Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Fri at 5pm, 8pm, Sat at 2pm, 5pm, 8pm,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

The Sound Of Music
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 2pm, 7.30pm,
Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, West Midlands, B5 4TB. Call 0844 338 5000

Made In Dagenham: West Bromwich Operatic Society
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm, £16 - £22
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

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Birmingham Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B3 3DQ. Call 0121 780 3333

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Around The World With Masks
Fri at 11am - 5pm, Sat at 11am - 5pm, Sun at 11am - 5pm, Tue at 11am - 5pm, Wed at 11am - 5pm, Thu at 11am - 5pm. Bantock House, Finchfield Rd, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV3 9LQ. Call 01902 552195

Antique Valuation Day
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Check out full listings in **the ticket** in Friday's Express & Star

Don is back and king of the stage

IN ancient Britain bound by clan loyalty and the power of the sword, King Lear decides to give up his crown.

As he divides the kingdom between his daughters, family ties disintegrate, order disappears and the land slides into chaos.

Don Warrington, best known for his roles in TV shows including *Rising Damp* and, more recently, *Death in Paradise*, is coming back to Birmingham's Repertory Theatre, to play Shakespeare's greatest tragic figure.

The 64-year-old actor has won acclaim in the title role in *King Lear* on tour, one of the productions to commemorate 400 years since Shakespeare's death. Birmingham Rep, from tonight (Thursday) until May 28 is the last stop for the show – a co-production between Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre and the Talawa Theatre Company, the UK's primary Black led touring theatre company.

He has performed Shakespeare in Birmingham before, playing Antonio in *The Merchant of Venice*. But this formidable, strong lead role in a three hour epic is a whole new challenge.

"It's huge. It's like looking at Mount Everest and thinking, 'I'm going to try and climb that'. You're trying to convey the essence of a human being," says Don.

"I have seen actors play Lear previously, but I asked myself what he was like, and what kind of man he was. There are clues given in the text; he's an old man who clearly has a temper. He's used to ruling, and does something that's not very wise.

"I thought about him in terms



A game of thrones – Don Warrington as King Lear, later this summer Sir Antony Sher will also take on the actor's 'Everest' at Stratford

of what a man of that age would be feeling. What would be going on with him? That's how I approached it."

Shakespeare is challenging to bring to life from text – it takes a talented actor to portray the characters as humans that we can relate to.

"Shakespeare was meant to be per-

formed, not read in a dry, academic way," says Don. "They're literature but they're meant to be done and seen. That's what he wrote them for – the stage. The more people that see them performed, with flesh and blood on them, the easier it becomes to understand."

New jukebox Jackie show

A 50something divorced mum with a teenage son is transported back to her own teen years when she happens across a box of her old Jackie magazines in *Jackie The Musical*.

Staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, May 28, the *Mamma Mia*-style jukebox musical plunders the heart-throb hits of the '70s, originally done by Donny Osmond, David Cassidy, David Essex and Marc Bolan.

Her teenage self is mystified by texting, apps and social media, and advises her middle aged self to turn to the magazine's Cathy 'n' Claire for advice on romance.

The show promises a feast of nostalgia for the age of tank tops, platform shoes, enormous flares, Tartan scarves and Top Of The Pops.

The show stars Janet Dibley, pictured left, (from TV's *The Two of Us*, *EastEnders* and *Doctors*) as Jackie, former Stourbridge Oldswinford Hospital school pupil and *EastEnders* actor Nicholas Bailey as Max, musical theatre and former Bread actor Graham Bickley as John, and Daisy Steere as Young Jackie.

With choreography by Arlene Phillips and full of hits such as *Crazy Horses*, *I Love To Love and Tiger Feet*, the show's creative consultant is Grumpy Old Woman and former Jackie editor Nina Myskow. With a trendy London address but actually based in the Scottish city of Dundee, Jackie the magazine lasted for nearly 30s years from 1964 to '93, and for around ten years was the top-selling teen title. It was full of fashion and beauty tips, love stories, life advice and pin-up posters of pop idols that ended up plastered across bedroom walls.



Fairport convene for Robin concert

TOMORROW night (Friday) folk-rock legends Fairport Convention are at Bilston's Robin 2 celebrating half a century of making music.

The line-up for this seated show includes Simon Nicol, Dave Pegg, Ric Sanders, Chris Leslie and Gerry Conway. Support comes from impressive young Black Country bluesman Sunjay.

Welsh prog rockers Panic Room take over the venue for the rest of the weekend with a host of special guests.

Canadian country singer-songwriter Tia McGrath brings her Crazy Beautiful acoustic tour to the Mount Pleasant venue on Wednesday. See www.therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

Strike musical's amateur premiere

WEST Bromwich Operatic Society will be offering the West Midlands amateur premiere of the former West End musical *Made in Dagenham* at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, May 28.

It's 1968 and women workers take on the bosses and a male dominated union at the Ford car plant in Dagenham after a pay cut is imposed on them.

Rachel Davies, from Stourbridge, plays strike leader Rita, with John Wetherall as her husband Eddie in the show, which features some strong language.

For tickets from £16 to £22, call 01902 429212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk website.

Double bill starts gallery sessions

A CONCERT series begins at a new venue in Wolverhampton tomorrow evening (Friday) with *The Songwriter Sessions* at the city art gallery's cafe bar.

The emphasis will be on musicianship and songwriting talent in an intimate environment at the Lichfield Street gallery.

The series begins with a double bill of Wolverhampton's Gary O'Dea and former Wolverhampton University student Alex Vann. Singer and guitarist O'Dea has won acclaim for his album *Fly*. Vann recently released the fourth of his *Silhouettes & Pirottes* collections of songs. Tickets £5.50 on the door at 7.30pm or call 0870 320 7000.

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Benedict Cumberbatch

The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Richard III (BBC2, 9pm)

The country seems to be finally at peace under the rule of Edward IV and the House of York. However, a new threat emerges from within the King's own family, as his ruthless younger brother Richard, Duke of Gloucester, sets plans in motion to take the throne for himself. Beginning by arranging the imprisonment of unsuspecting middle brother George, Richard manipulates and murders all who stand in his way. As he rises in power, the Duke of Richmond raises an army to overthrow him, leading to the final battle of the Wars of the Roses. Last in the series, Benedict Cumberbatch, Judi Dench, Ben Daniels and James Fleet star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **1.00** Jimmy Hill – A Man for All Seasons. (R) **2.00** FA Cup: The Road to Wembley. (R) **2.35** A Question of Sport. (R) **3.10** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **4.00** BBC News. **4.10** Regional Programme. **4.15** Match of the Day Live – The 2016 FA Cup Final. Crystal Palace v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.50 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show.** The lively comedian introduces music by Katherine Jenkins and a performance by stage mentalist Colin Cloud. Plus, Robbie Savage hands over his mobile phone in Celebrity Send To All.

8.35 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

8.45 **Casualty.** Dylan receives a nasty surprise when Bryan turns up at the ED, having cut his hand smashing a window after locking baby Rihanna in his car. While Bryan apologises for his past behaviour, Dylan is not so sure he can ever change. Connie discovers Jacob and Elle are old friends, and the pair are given a chance to catch up while dealing with injuries at the scene of a factory accident. However, when Elle starts asking strange, probing questions about the status quo at Holby, it becomes there is an ulterior motive behind her recent arrival. Meanwhile, Charlie encourages David to be more confident, and Big Mac lies to Noel about seeking help with his addiction.

9.35 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes fears her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll. (R)

10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 **Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle.** Including clips of the comedian reminiscing about his school holidays, the Phoenix club's singles night and the meeting between Geraldine McQueen and Paul McCartney. (R)

10.55 **Match of the Day – 2016 FA Cup Final Highlights;** National Lottery Update.

11.30 Film: **Dream House.** (2011)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Women's Football Show. (R) **6.40** Film: The Story of GI Joe. (1945) **8.30** Film: The Wooden Horse. (1950) **10.10** Natural World. (R) **11.00** FA Cup Classics. (R) **12.00** The Hair Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **1.00** Film: I Know Where I'm Going! (1945) **2.30** Flog It! (R) **3.00** Bake Off: Creme de la Creme. (R) **4.00** Swimming: European Championships. Helen Skelton presents live coverage from London.

6.00 **This Week's World.** Current affairs magazine show in which Emily Maitlis dissects current global problem affecting people's everyday lives, from energy to the economy and worldwide living standards.

6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants up containers for his jewel garden. Carol Klein identifies plants able to survive in cracks and crevices, and Zephaniah Lindo meets a fellow primula enthusiast. (R)

7.00 **Choose the Right Puppy for You.** Part two of two. Kate Humble discovers the truth about different breeds of dog, while behaviourist Louise Glazebrook helps more people find the perfect dog for them. (R)

8.00 **Grand Tours of Scotland.** New series. Paul Merton travels round the Isle of Arran, visiting the famous King's Cave. Lochranza, Brodick Castle and Kildonan before ending his trip at Cleat's Store.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring and the platoon welcome the first American troops to Walmington-on-Sea, but Anglo-US relations become strained. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

9.00 **The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Richard III.** The country is finally at peace under the rule of Edward IV and the House of York – but the ruthless Duke of Gloucester plots to seize the throne for himself. Last in the series.

11.10 Film: **Last Chance Harvey.** (2008) A miserable New Yorker falls for an equally unfulfilled woman he meets while in London to attend his fiancée's wedding. Romantic drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson.

12.40 Film: **Elena.** (2011) **2.20** This Is BBC Two. **5.35** The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.05** ITV News; Weather. **12.14** Regional Programme. **12.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.15** BBC Champ. (R) **2.20** Film: Hulk. (2003) Comic-strip adventure, starring Eric Bana. **4.55** The Wine Show.

6.00 **Regional Programme;** Weather. **6.15** **ITV News;** Weather.

6.30 **You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a possessed toddler and a driver chasing a runaway car.

7.00 **Bang on the Money.** Game show in which two teams from Middlesbrough and Cleethorpes aim to hit a specific target number in a series of physical and mental challenges.

8.00 **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the final round of auditions before the nationwide talent contest moves on to the next stage, the Judges' Decisions. One last selection of would-be stars demonstrate their signature skills to Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams, in the hope of securing a place among the acts seeking a place in the semi-finals. However, there are no Golden Buzzer's left to send promising stars straight through to the finals, so even the most eye-catching acts will have to fight for a place in the semi-finals.

9.15 **Play to the Whistle.** Holly Willoughby hosts the sports-based comedy panel show, with guests Piers Morgan, Danny Cipriani and Katherine Ryan joining the regulars. Last in the series.

10.00 **ITV News;** Weather. **10.15** Film: **Run Fat Boy Run.** (2007) A man who regrets leaving his fiancée standing at the altar tries to prove his love for her by running a marathon. Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg.

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Goodwood and York. **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.30** Homes by the Med.

6.30 **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Grand Designs: Living in the City.** Kevin McCloud presents one of four special programmes inspired by 15 years of Grand Designs. He begins with a look at the challenges of self-building in the city, where space is at a premium and architects have to be at their most ingenious. Kevin uses footage from the best urban builds from the show over the years, meets pioneers at the forefront of the latest architectural thinking and looks at clever innovations that continue to transform people's lives to reveal which designs work best and why. (R)

8.00 **Jutland: WWI's Greatest Sea Battle.** Re-examining the events of the First World War naval battle, as the grandson of the admiral who led the British forces tries to salvage his grandfather's reputation.

9.00 **Film: The Hunger Games.** (2012) A totalitarian future-America holds an annual nationally televised event in which two children from each of its regions fight to the death until only one remains. A teenage girl takes her younger sister's place in the games and must put her wits against the deadly combat skills of her rivals. Sci-fi adventure based on Suzanne Collins' novel, starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Elizabeth Banks.

11.50 **Film: Savages.** (2012) Two marijuana dealers attract the attention of a Mexican drug cartel that kidnaps their shared girlfriend. Crime drama, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson.

2.05 Hollywoods. (R) **4.10** The Three Day Nanny. (R) **5.05** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Stewart and Vic experience one of the most violent cases they have ever faced when they are confronted by an angry older gentleman. (R)

6.55 **5 News Weekend.** **7.00** **Cricket on 5.** England v Sri Lanka. Highlights from the third day of the First Test in a three-match series, which takes place at Headingley. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott, and Simon Hughes.

8.00 **NCIS: Los Angeles.** Three men stage a raid on a drug deal, taking a suitcase full of cash and killing the dealer and an undercover LAPD officer. While studying footage taken from CCTV equipment in the house, Sam recognises the distinctive hand signals of one of the suspects as being those of Navy Seal Kurt Holgate, who he served with in Bosnia. Eric studies the details of his unit and finds that a man called Jackson has been unaccounted for since the day of the attack. (R)

9.00 **NCIS.** Gibbs and the team investigate when the first openly gay Navy lieutenant set to receive the Medal of Honour is murdered.

9.55 **NCIS: New Orleans – Murder in the Bayou.** Double bill. When the body of a former agent washes ashore in New Orleans, Gibbs believes the murder could be linked to a case the victim had previously worked on. DiNozzo, McGee and the FBI continue to track political connections to the case of the murder of a former agent, while Bishop sends DiNozzo a souvenir.

11.30 **True Crimes: The First 72 Hours.** The body of a Toronto property broker is found in a utility closet at her office, and one of her colleagues suggests police turn their attention to a former maintenance worker. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** BAMMA 25: Champion vs Champion.

DIGITAL

BBC Four **7.00** Francesco's Venice **8.00** The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings **9.00** Hinterland **10.30** BBC: The Secret Files **2.11.30** Rod Stewart at the BBC **12.30** Rod Stewart Live at Hyde Park **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1981 **2.50** Rod Stewart at the BBC **3.50** Close

ITV2 **11.20** Britain's Got Talent **12.40** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Catchphrase **2.20** Scorpion **3.15** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **5.05** Film: Back to the Future (1985) **6.10** Film: Back to the Future (1985) **7.20** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25** Film: Uncle Buck (1989) **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.20** @ elevenish **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 **12.30** Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four **2.50** Foyle's War **4.50** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.00** Trial & Retribution **1.05** Northern Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4 **11.30** Pawn Stars **12.00** Film: Death of a Gunfighter (1969) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** Film: Death of a Gunfighter (1969) **2.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Berlin ePrix. **4.30** Pawn Stars **5.00** Film: The Appaloosa (1966) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15** Film: The Appaloosa (1966) **7.00** Film: Casino Royale (1967) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** Film: Casino Royale (1967) **9.50** River Monsters **10.50** Film: State of Play (2009) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05** Film: State of Play (2009) **1.15** Hell on Wheels **2.10** Ax Men **3.00** Teleshopping

E4 **11.30** The Goldbergs **1.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00** Film: Leap Year (2010) **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Attack the Block (2011) **10.45** Gogglebox **12.55** The Inbetweeners **1.55** Rude Tube **2.50** Gogglebox **3.45** Rules of Engagement **4.30** Rude(ish) Tube **4.55** Revenge

Film4 **11.00** The Dark Crystal (1982) **1.00** Hairspray (2007) **3.15** Sword of Sherwood Forest (1960) **4.55** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **6.40** Tootsie (1982) **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig. **11.30** Case 39 (2009) **1.40** Boomerang (1992) **4.00** Close

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CHOICE



Kenneth Branagh

Wallander (BBC1, 9pm)
New series. Kenneth Branagh stars as the world-weary Swedish detective in a fourth and final series of adaptations of Henning Mankell's novels. Wallander travels to Cape Town to investigate the disappearance of a Swedish woman. He uncovers a complex conspiracy behind the mystery, and is also confronted with a nation that has reached a turning point in its history. Bonnie Mbuli, Alex Ferns, John Kani, Tessa Jubber, Lemogang Tsipa, Jeany Spark, Deon Lotz, Tumisho Masha also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.25 Match of the Day – 2016 FA Cup Final Highlights. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 1.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.30 Lose Weight for Love. (R) 3.30 Nature's Epic Journeys. (R) 4.30 Lifeline. 4.40 Points of View. 4.55 Songs of Praise. 5.30 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2016. 6.30 BBC News. 6.50 Regional Programme. 7.00 Countryfile. A special episode for National Vegetarian Week, in which Matt Baker visits Jersey during the Royal Potato Harvest and Ellie Harrison creates a landscape photograph with vegetables. Naomi Wilkinson samples some Indian vegetarian recipes, sheep farmer Gareth Wyn Jones and free runner Tim Sheffield debate the pros and cons of veganism, and Adam Henson visits an underground urban farm. Plus, Tom Heap investigates why many vegetable growers face going out of business. Including Weather For The Week Ahead. 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The team visits Treddegar House near Newport in Wales, where items include a tapestry woven in tribute to Status Quo, a frog-shaped brooch and an intricately carved coconut. (R) 9.00 Wallander. New series. Kenneth Branagh stars as the world-weary Swedish detective in a fourth and final series of adaptations of Henning Mankell's novels. Wallander travels to Cape Town to investigate the disappearance of a Swedish woman. He uncovers a complex conspiracy behind the mystery, and is also confronted with a nation that has reached a turning point in its history. 10.30 BBC News. 10.50 Regional Programme. 11.00 Room 101 – Extra Storage. Frank Skinner hosts an extended edition as Jonathan Ross, Michael Vaughan and Sara Pascoe try to persuade him to banish their least favourite things to the infamous room. (R) 11.40 Athletics: Diamond League Rabat Highlights. 12.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 This Farming Life. (R) 7.35 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.05 Countryfile Spring Special. (R) 9.00 The Beechgrove Garden. 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.00 Live Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Coverage of the 14th staging of the event. 1.00 Film: Custer of the West. (1967) Historical biopic about the life of the controversial American cavalry commander who met his end at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. With Robert Shaw, Mary Ure and Jeffrey Hunter. 3.15 Flog It! (R) 4.00 Swimming: European Championships. Live coverage of the final day. 6.00 Athletics: Great Manchester Run Highlights. Action from the 14th annual staging of the 10k race, as elite athletes and thousands of fun runners competed. With commentary by Steve Cram, Paula Radcliffe and Andrew Cotter. 7.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. The Red Arrows mark the end of an era as they appear in a succession of airshows, including events where they fly alongside a Vulcan bomber and a Chinook helicopter. The pilots have to undergo gruelling underwater training before they can appear at a planned display in Blackpool, but it seems that the performance may be grounded as a result of high winds. (R) 8.00 World Cup 1966: Alfie's Boys. 9.30 Horizon: E-Cigarettes. Series examining topical scientific issues. 10.35 Stupid Man, Smart Phone. Russell Kane and Aron Crasall go on adventures around the world, using a smartphone to gain the information they need to survive. 11.25 Later – with Jools Holland. Extended edition. Iggy Pop makes his debut on the show, performing tracks from his recent album Post Pop Depression. Plus, Lou Doillon, Protoje and Graham Nash. (R) 12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile Spring Special. The team reports on signs of spring around the country, with Ellie Harrison monitoring pods of dolphins in Cardigan Bay and John Craven visiting a hay meadow in Wiltshire. (R) 1.25 Holby City. Zosia makes a gut-wrenching decision after overstepping the mark and accusing a patient of a media leak. Dominic faces his fears when he encounters someone with a painful past. (R) 2.25 This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.05 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 7.45 The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Go! (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Griff's Great Britain. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 11.00 FIA Formula E Championship. 12.00 ITV News: Weather. 12.10 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.15 Planet's Got Talent. (R) 1.45 Fierce. (R) 2.45 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 4.00 Regional Programme: Weather. 4.15 ITV News: Weather. 4.30 Live International Football. 7.30 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the first semi-final of this year's contest. The audition process is complete, and has left judges Amanda Holden, David Walliams, Simon Cowell and Alesha Dixon with 45 acts to pick and choose from. Tonight, nine of them will be performing live in the hope of impressing both the panel and the TV audience. The winner of tonight's viewers' vote will automatically go through to the live grand final, before the two runners up face the judges to decide which of them will also win a place. 9.00 Coronation Street. As the locals prepare for Carla and Nick's wedding, Johnny goes to extreme lengths to stop Tracy from ruining the big day, even if it means missing the chance to walk his daughter down the aisle. 9.30 Britain's Got Talent Results. Ant and Dec announce the results of tonight's viewers' vote before the judges choose a second act to go through to the final. Featuring the cast of West End musical Motown. 10.00 ITV News: Weather. 10.20 International Football Highlights. England v Turkey. Jacqui Oatley presents action from the friendly encounter, which took place at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester and served as a Euro 2016 warm-up for both countries. 11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the semi-finals, which were Saracens v Leicester Tigers at Allianz Park and Exeter Chiefs v Wasps at Sandy Park. 12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Salvage SOS. 6.45 Salvage SOS. 7.10 The King of Queens. (R) 7.35 The King of Queens. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Film: Step Up. (2006) An aspiring ballerina and a street-smart teenager pair up for a dance project and love begins to blossom between them. Romantic drama, starring Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. Edited for language and violence. 2.30 Film: Evolution. (2001) Two science teachers battle rapidly evolving alien monsters brought to Earth by a mysterious meteor. Sci-fi comedy, starring David Duchovny, Orlando Jones and Julianne Moore. Edited for language. 4.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. 6.30 Channel 4 News. 7.00 Penelope Keith's Favourite Villages. The actress travels around Britain visiting villages in different parts of the country, and discovering how people's attitudes have changed to these small communities. 8.00 Film: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. (2011) Seven English pensioners looking for a fresh start are drawn to an advert for a hotel in the Indian city of Jaipur, and plan to spend their retirement there. They arrive to find the building dilapidated but are won over by the enthusiastic young manager, and each embarks on their own adventures in the city. Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith and Dev Patel. Edited for language. 10.25 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R) 11.30 Film: Hitchcock. (2012) Fact-based drama about the making of Psycho, and the film's impact on Alfred Hitchcock's relationship with his wife and creative partner. With Anthony Hopkins. 1.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 3.40 Win It Cook It. Simon Rimmer and guest judge Matt Tebbutt compare chicken and meatball dishes. 4.05 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Liverpool, where they help two women with different lifestyles find a home, and advise a student on how to get on the property ladder. (R) 5.05 Fifteen to One. Sandi Toksvig hosts the general knowledge quiz, in which 15 contestants test themselves against their rivals. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.45 Ticky Toc. (R) 6.55 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Pets. 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.25 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.40 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pig Ahoy! (R) 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.50 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 9.00 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 Lazy Town. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Now That's Funny! (R) 11.25 Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2. (2013) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader. 1.10 Most Shocking Talent Show Moments. (R) 4.05 Film: Pudsey the Dog: The Movie. (2014) Premiere. Family comedy, starring Jessica Hynes. 5.55 The Yorkshire Vet. (R) 6.55 5 News Weekend. 7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Sri Lanka. Highlights from the fourth day of the First Test in a three-match series, which takes place at Headingley. Presented by Mark Nicholas, who also commentates alongside Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott, and Simon Hughes. 8.00 Secrets of the Valley of the Kings. 9.00 Film: Sabotage. (2014) Premiere. The members of an elite Drug Enforcement Administration team secretly keep the millions of dollars they find during the raid. When they are killed off one by one, the leader becomes convinced one of his men is getting rid of the others to keep all the money, and sets out to expose the murderer. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sam Worthington. Edited for language. 11.05 Film: Under Siege. (1992) A veteran US Navy Seal working on a battleship as a cook leaps into action to liberate the vessel from terrorists. Action adventure, starring Steven Seagal and Tommy Lee Jones. Edited for broadcast. 12.55 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 Police Interceptors. Paul Faulkner has a close shave with a stolen vehicle. (R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! Pleasure seekers get more than they bargained for at an amusement park. (R) 4.50 Nick's Quest. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Karajan's Myth and Magic 8.30 EastEnders 9.00 From EastEnders to Hollywood: Antonia Bird 10.30 Film: Care (2000) 12.15 Horizon: The Core 1.15 Pop! The Science of Bubbles 2.15 Karajan's Myth and Magic 3.45 Close ITV2 11.45 Take Me Out 1.00 Film: A Little Princess (1995) 2.00 FYI Daily 2.05 Film: A Little Princess (1995) 2.55 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 3.55 FYI Daily 4.00 Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) 5.00 Britain's Got Talent 6.15 Britain's Got More Talent 7.15 Film: Hulk (2003) 8.20 FYI Daily 8.25 Film: Hulk (2003) 10.00 Britain's Got More Talent 11.00 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.25 The Cleveland Show 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3 11.45 Foyle's War 1.50 Film: Columbo: Ager Old Port in a Storm (1973) 3.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.55 Margery and Gladys 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 10.00 Ghostboat 11.35 Agatha Christie's Marple 1.35 Blue Murder 2.25 May the Best House Win 4.10 On the Buses 5.00 Justice Judy 5.45 ITV3 Nightscreen ITVA 9.00 Premiership Rugby Union 10.00 Film: Raw Deal (1986) 11.00 FYI Daily 11.05 Film: Raw Deal (1986) 12.10 Film: Red Heat (1988) 1.10 FYI Daily 1.15 Film: Red Heat (1988) 2.20 Tommy Cooper 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping E4 1.00 Made in Chelsea 2.00 The Goldbergs 3.30 Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) 5.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Film: Daredevil (2003) 12.05 The Inbetweeners 1.05 The 100 2.05 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.55 Rush Hour 3.35 Hollywoods Film4 11.00 Faintheart (2008) 1.00 The Golden Compass (2007) 3.10 Marmaduke (2010) 4.55 Tooth Fairy (2010) 7.00 Just Married (2003) 9.00 The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) The victor in a televised battle to the death returns to the arena to face other past champions. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth. 11.50 House of Flying Daggers (2004) Officers are sent to locate a rebel threatening the Tang dynasty, and happen across a beautiful blind dancer. Martial arts adventure, starring Zhang Ziyi and Takeshi Kaneshiro. 2.10 Kelly + Victor (2012) 4.00 Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Killer Switch, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman accidentally picks up the wrong suitcase from the airport baggage reclaim on her way to her daughter's graduation. Later, she receives a phone call from a man claiming he will harm her daughter if she fails to follow his instructions to return his suitcase. Thriller, starring Jamie Luner. (2016)

TUESDAY

Columbo: A Stitch in Crime, ITV, 11.45pm

A surgeon plans to get rid of his colleague in an experimental drug test, and when his fellow medic needs heart surgery, he performs the operation himself and discreetly arranges some fatal complications. However, when he also murders a nurse who suspects the truth, he attracts the attention of the slovenly sleuth. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, Leonard Nimoy and Will Geer. (1973)



I Love You, Man, Friday, BBC1, 11.50pm

WEDNESDAY

Dragonfly, BBC1, 11.45pm

A doctor uses work as a way of coping with his grief over the death of his pregnant wife – but when strange things begin to happen around him, he becomes convinced she is trying to contact him from beyond the grave. Supernatural drama, starring Kevin Costner and Kathy Bates. (2002)

THURSDAY

Reluctant Witness, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Erin believes that she has left her Mob ties behind after being placed in a witness protection programme. However, the man she thought she had killed turns up under an assumed identity and bent on revenge, meaning she must protect her new life and her family. Thriller, starring Mia Kirshner. (2014)

FRIDAY

I Love You, Man, BBC1, 11.50pm

As he prepares for his wedding, estate agent Peter realises there is something missing – a male friend, which he doesn't have, to be his best man. His quest for a suitable candidate leads him to laid-back, hard-drinking Sydney and the pair become inseparable buddies – to the horror of Peter's fiancée. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel. (2009)

Sisters are hoping to rise to the challenge

Let's face it, we'd all love to be able to have our cake and eat it – but is that really possible?

When it comes to healthy eating, sisters Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley claim it is, and now they are trying to teach us all how to do it via this series, which began a couple of weeks ago.

Over the years, many TV chefs have attempted to teach us how to prepare low-calorie and low-fat versions of our favourite recipes, and while we may start out with good intentions, we have a tendency to fall back into our old ways before long, perhaps because some of the ideas they have adopted are too complicated or involve ingredients we either don't have lying around or are impossible to get at your average supermarket.

But the Hemsley girls are different. There's nothing weird about their cookery lessons, but the results are rather wonderful.

Their aim isn't to blind us with science, but rather to teach their fans how to develop a good relationship with food while instructing them in the fine art of gut health.

They learnt their trade by catering for such starry clients as Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Vivienne Westwood, and are now devoted to preparing food that is natural, satisfying and easy to digest, and which doesn't involve gluten, grains and refined sugar; what's more there's no compromise when it comes to flavour.

The sisters are photogenic, so it should come as no surprise that they've landed this programme. In fact, the only shock is that it's taken them so long to get their own show; it's six years since they began their own business.

"We're delighted to be working with Jasmine and Melissa and bringing their inspiring brand of healthy living to a wider audience," says Andrea Olson, Channel 4's head of factual entertainment and the series' executive producer. "The Hemsleys are a perfect fit for our slate and roster of passionate talent with global appeal."

The ladies themselves were certainly thrilled by the idea of being able to reach more people than ever

before: "Our mouths are watering at the prospect of sharing these tasty, healthy and easy to make recipes with Channel 4's viewers!" said Jasmine at the show's launch, while Melissa added: "I can't wait to see our readers' reaction to our new TV show and this is a fantastic opportunity for us to reach out to a wider audience."

The first episode saw them prepare perfect dishes for sharing with friends, including huevos rancheros with guacamole, slow-cooked lamb with anchovies, and a chocolate dessert.

Last week, they did something seemingly impossible – they turned the usually calorie-packed great British fry-up into a healthy meal before turning their attention to a Filipino dish and a ragu.

This time around, the culinary magicians will demonstrate how to bake gluten-free treats by using alternatives to traditional flour such as ground almonds and coconut flour. They also meet two urban beekeepers in London while on the lookout for a sweet substitute for sugar.



Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley, Monday, Channel 4, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Secrets of the Nazi Occult Channel 5, 9pm

Documentaries about the Nazis and their activities are not exactly thin on the ground – stick a pin in any given week and you can usually hit at least one or two tucked away in the TV schedules. While the majority of them seem to cover the same, most obvious areas of study, this one promises to be a little more leftfield. It examines the theory that many members of the Nazi high command, including both Adolf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler, were members of a secret society that held top secret meetings and rituals at Wewelsburg Castle in Germany. It sounds like the plot for the next Indiana Jones movie, but evidence suggesting that occult practices were at play is compelling.

TUESDAY

The KKK: Behind The Mask Channel 5, 9pm

Founded in 1866 in Pulaski, Tennessee, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) extended into almost every southern state by 1870 and despite not having a well-organised structure or clear leadership, it grew to become the most notorious white supremacist group in America. At its peak in the 1920s it had over four million members, but today it's a shadow of its

former self. However, KKK marches, cross burnings and racial hatred continue in the Deep South states. This eye-opening and stark documentary profiles today's Klan members, examines the impact the group has had on American society over the last 150 years, and asks the question: is the country is heading for a new race war?

WEDNESDAY

Boris v Dave: The Battle for Europe Channel 4, 9pm

Michael Crick outlines how the ongoing EU Referendum battle between Vote Leave and Britain Stronger in Europe is not only a crusade to determine the UK's future in Europe, but also an intensely personal skirmish between two of Britain's most high-profile politicians. As fellow Tories, former London mayor Boris Johnson and Prime Minister David Cameron are ostensibly allies, but the pair have a long and storied history dating back through their time at Oxford, as members of the exclusive Bullingdon Club, to their shared childhood



Boris v Dave: The Battle for Europe, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY

How Should I Vote? – The EU Debate BBC1, 8pm

Victoria Derbyshire hosts a live debate from Glasgow on the issues that matter to young voters ahead of the June 23 referendum on whether or not the UK should stay in the European Union. An audience of voters under the age of 30 from all over the UK will put their questions and concerns direct to a panel of senior politicians central to the campaigns to Leave or Remain in the EU, while viewers can also raise their points and put questions through social media.

The Truth About Alcohol BBC1, 9pm

Doctor Javid Abdelmoneim explores

the science behind drinking alcohol, including why the weekly recommended intake was lowered in January, with the men's limit cut by a third to 14 units per week. He also asks whether a nightcap can aid sleep, why some people get drunk quicker than others, and probes the new evidence for the health risks posed by alcohol. Plus, he investigates what is behind the relatively healthy reputation of red wine and whether lining your stomach before drinking really does work and lessens the effects of a night out.

FRIDAY

Live International Football ITV, 7.30pm

England v Australia (Kick-off 7.45pm). Mark Pougatch presents all the action from the friendly match, which takes place at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland and serves as a Euro 2016 warm-up for England. Roy Hodgson's side breezed through their qualifying group for this summer's tournament in France, winning all 10 of their games to finish as the only country with a 100 per cent record. The manager will be hoping his squad can continue that excellent form at the finals, and will also be looking for a strong performance in this match against Ange Postecoglou's men. With analysis from Ian Wright and Lee Dixon, and commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle.



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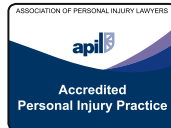
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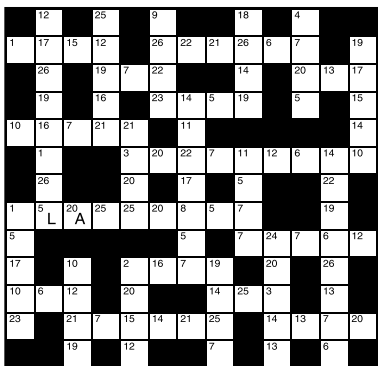
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

R X I M K B O F P Q H V C
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

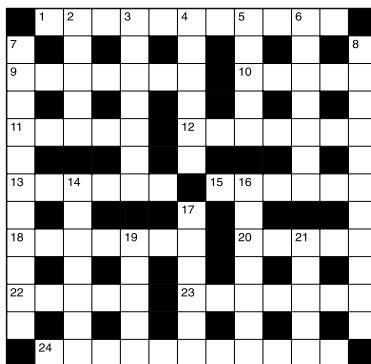
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Used for making up a strange pie (11)
9. Streams of investive one gets in some professions (7)
10. Illicit photograph? (5)
11. Man-made product found in many London stores (5)
12. A red tongue (7)
13. Reply some Americans were hoping for (6)
15. Pat may speak it or wear it (6)
18. He makes his mark at times (7)
20. The smallest type of slate (5)
22. Mince pies having a brown colour (5)
23. A painstaking preparation? (7)
24. Bert at speed becomes splashed with mud (11)

Down

2. In Peru rallies are held in the country (5)
3. Term in music, and type of bet (7)
4. Possibly run and see to make certain (6)
5. Girls lose their heads - the fools! (5)
6. Driving a point home? (7)
7. This order won't require attention (5,2,4)
8. Silent dance arranged in secret (11)
14. A high point of religious architecture (7)
16. Be as bad as ever about a mistake (7)
17. It may be played when not in form (6)
19. Seagoing vagabond (5)
21. Possibly eager to correspond (5)



Quick Clues:

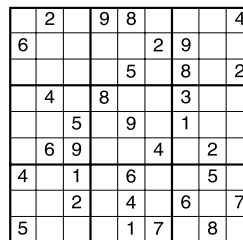
Across

1. Diligence (11)
9. Desert (7)
10. Female relative (5)
11. Boredom (5)
12. Graceful (7)
13. Infuriate (6)
15. Plan (6)
18. Type of raisin (7)
20. Light purple (5)
22. Swift (5)
23. Oriental (7)
24. Spy (6,5)

Down

2. Evident (5)
3. Accommodation (7)
4. Annul (6)
5. Taut (5)
6. Intimidate (7)
7. Flexible rule (4,7)
8. Vane (11)
14. Fall back (7)
16. Vocation (7)
17. Empty (6)
19. Viper (5)
21. Ancient language (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	2	9	4	5	1	7	6	3
4	6	3	2	7	9	1	5	
1	7	5	3	6	9	8	4	2
9	3	2	8	4	6	1	5	7
7	5	4	1	3	2	6	9	8
6	1	8	9	7	5	3	2	4
5	4	6	7	9	8	2	3	1
3	8	1	6	2	4	5	7	9
2	9	7	5	1	3	4	8	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Skittles; 5 Form; 9 Coma; 10 Idolater; 11 Skein; 12 Run down; 13 Trial and error; 18 Assuaged; 19 Cuff; 20 Neptune; 21 Lions; 22 Rode; 23 Stranded. Down: 2 Knockor; 3 Tsarina; 4 Endurance test; 6 Outdoor; 7 Mariner; 8 Glance; 13 Trainer; 14 Inspired; 15 League; 16 Ruction; 17 Offence. QUICK - Across: 1 Appendix; 5 Heal; 9 Fret; 10 Strategy; 11 Alter; 12 Nominal; 13 Exceptionally; 18 Confound; 19 Send; 20 Special; 21 Begun; 22 Dull; 23 Symmetry. Down: 2 Perplex; 3 Extreme; 4 Intentionally; 6 Eternal; 7 Loyalty; 8 Layman; 13 Excused; 14 Congeal; 15 Profit; 16 Austere; 17 Langour.

Quiz

1. Which royal gave birth to Columbus in 1994?
2. Within which present-day country is the ancient Sumerian city of Ur?
3. Of what nationality was former UN secretary-general U Thant?
4. Which Chinese philosophical terms mean 'dark' and 'bright'?
5. Which river forms 1,500 miles of the US-Mexican border?
6. What was the pen name of the novelist Marie Henri Beyle?
7. Who preceded Peter Mandelson as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland?
8. Who wrote The Railway Children in 1906?
9. Which Church's doctrine is set out in the Thirty-Nine Articles?
10. Which Greek herald lost a shouting contest with Hermes?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Rudolf Hess; 2 Tahiti; 3 Whooping

cough; 4 American football; 5 Superman;

6 Ear; 7 Cleopatra; 8 Turkey; 9 Four

Weddings and a Funeral; 10 Volleyball.

Niner: UNMATCHED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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21769 gives a second girl's name,
845461 gives a third girl's name.



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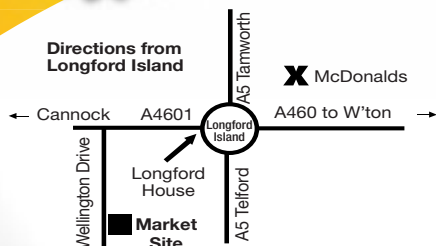
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Book a visit – The Bronte Parsonage, Haworth, West Yorkshire



Write on – the newly refurbished Mr Bronte's study



Storytime – a family in the garden at Hill Top, near Sawrey, Lake District



Peter Rabbit and friends at The World of Beatrix Potter

Booking in for anniversary of two of literature's great female figures

TWO of English literature's great female figures, Beatrix Potter and Charlotte Bronte, are commemorated with anniversaries this year.

We travel north to find out more. Wandering around the Lake District's World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, I quickly forget I've ever grown up.

Children and parents are lost in Beatrix's delightful imaginary world, so perfectly illustrated in her books. I traipse through a reconstruction of the Peter Rabbit garden with glee, spying Jemima Puddle-Duck and a bronze statue of three children unveiled by Renee Zellweger in 2006.

The Windermere attraction is gearing up to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Beatrix's birth with a series of events, including a live-action show of her stories per-

By Nicholas McAvaney

formed during the summer months.

In fact, attractions all over the region have plans to honour the early 20th century children's author.

Continuing my journey across Lake Windermere, I stop at the Beatrix Potter Gallery in Hawkshead where originals of her intricate watercolour illustrations are on display.

The inspiration for many of her stories was her beloved home Hill Top, in nearby Sawrey. Here I learn some intriguing facts about the author who I had always presumed was a kind old lady, fond of children and animals.

She was in fact a shrewd businesswoman and her books were merely a revenue stream to acquire and maintain a sizeable real estate portfolio in the Lake District.

She eventually bequeathed a number of the properties to the National Trust in her will.

Copies of Beatrix's stories have been carefully placed around the house, bookmarked at pages where a room or items in it feature. Returning to the grown-up world, my journey ends at the adjacent Tower Bank Arms, a pub owned by the National Trust but managed independently. The manager gives me a lengthy spiel about the wide range of ales available.

Quaint

Moving on . . . strolling along Haworth's main street, I stop every few metres for a photo of the quaint stone shop fronts and postcard-worthy views over the Yorkshire Moors. I find it hard to imagine the village was once a crowded industrial town and a cesspool of death and disease during the early 19th century period, when English lit-

erature's great Bronte sisters lived here. At that time, the average age of death was 24. The girls' father, Patrick, played a pivotal role in helping clean up the village's water supply. But his own children failed to benefit, as they passed away before him.

His valiant efforts are documented at the Bronte Parsonage, the Bronte's former family home, now a museum. I visit to find out more about the tragedy-tinged lives of Charlotte, Emily, Anne and their brother Branwell.

It's 200 years since Charlotte was born, and a special exhibition aims to further explore her life. Each night the sisters would meet at the dining table to comment on each other's work. Their portable writing tables are on display, along with the chair on which Emily succumbed to illness in 1848, only 12 months after her only novel, *Wuthering Heights*, was published.

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Deceptively spacious three-storey home is in a popular area

A deceptively spacious three-storey family home lies in a popular location in Lime Pit Lane, Cannock.

Having landscaped gardens, a car barn and private driveway, it is for sale through Webbs at £205,000.

Being close to all local amenities, shops, schools, bus routes and Cannock Chase, its accommodation briefly comprises a kitchen/diner, guest WC, a lounge, four bedrooms, a study, bathroom and a stunning en-suite to the master master bedroom.

In more detail the driveway leads to the car barn. Inside the through hallway has stairs off and a guest WC off.

The kitchen/diner has a bay window, an integrated oven, hob with extractor over, fridge freezer and washing machine and ample space for a table and chairs.

The lounge has French doors opening to the garden.

Off the first floor landing, the master bedroom has fitted wardrobes and the en-suite with a double shower cubicle, low level WC and pedestal sink.

Bedroom three overlooks the frontage. The first floor bathroom has a low level WC, pedestal sink and panelled bath and is fully tiled.

Enclosed

Off the second floor there is a further shower room with a shower cubicle. This room is fully tiled.

Here bedroom two overlooks the frontage and bedroom four overlooks the rear, having a Velux window. There is also a study on this floor.

Outside, the rear garden incorporates a paved patio, with the remainder laid to lawn with shrub borders and bedding areas and is fully enclosed.

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Lounge

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Fitted Kitchen
EPC D

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EPC D

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Scheme
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- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC, En-Suite
- GCH & DG, Gardens
- Driveway & Garage
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- SORRY NO DSS

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- Fitted Bathroom
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- Spacious End Terraced House
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Breakfast Kitchen, Parch/Utility
- Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- GCH & Partial Double Glazing
- £105,000 No Chain

BEVAN LEE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

- Superbly Presented & Much Improved
- Entrance Hall
- Re-Fitted Guest WC
- Lounge-Diner
- Modern Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gardens
- £124,995 No Chain

ST AIDANS, CANNOCK

NEW

- Well Presented & Improved Semi House
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Corner Plot
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- £125,000

PATTERDALE ROAD, CANNOCK

NEW

- A very well presented and improved semi detached house
- GCH & Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen, Utility
- Lounge, Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- £125,000 No Chain

PICASSO CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

Must Be Viewed

- A Well Presented Mid House House
- Entrance Hall
- Modern Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway & Additional Parking Space
- £125,000

GEORGE STREET, HEDNESFORD

REDUCED

- Well Presented & Extended Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Good Size Rear Garden
- Driveway
- £155,000

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

NEW

- Extremely Well Presented Detached House
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Driveway
- £200,000

ELLIOT DRIVE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- A Superbly Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Kitchen-Diner
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- £235,000 Viewing Essential

BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NEW

- Very Well Presented & Spacious Detached
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Driveway
- £247,500

GORSEMOOR ROAD, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

- A Well Presented & Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Sized Gardens
- Double Garage & Driveway
- £250,000 No Chain

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

- An Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall
- Open Plan Kitchen & Lounge Area
- Utility Room & Guest WC
- Impressive Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Driveway & Gardens
- £274,995 No Chain

ROSEWOOD HOUSE, GREAT WYRLEY

NEW

- A Spacious Detached Family Residence
- Reception Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite & Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway - Ample ORP
- Front & Rear Gardens
- £315,000



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Property that makes the most of location

STAFFORD

£800,000

Built in the 1970s, Brackenbridge in Cannock Road, Bednall, Stafford, has five bedrooms and its design makes the most of its location, on the edge of Cannock Chase.

It is for sale through Connells at £800,000. A spokesman for the selling agent said: "The architect wanted to make the most of the views to the rear of the property. This is a property that you really do have to view to appreciate it!"

This property is expected to attract a lot of interest from home buyers. For further information contact Connells on 01785 243356 or at www.connells.co.uk



Extended semi ideally located in a popular village location

HEATH HAYES

£165,000

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An extended four-bedroom semi-detached property in a popular village location, 16 Denbury Close, Cannock, is for sale at £165,000.

A modern property ideally located close to schools makes it ideal for a family, and also near to a doctors' surgery and local amenities.

Deceptively spacious, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge with a feature fireplace, a good sized fitted kitchen, a dining room, a utility room and ground floor WC.

To the first floor there are four bedrooms and a family bathroom. For further information contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01543 469966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk



Detached family home up for sale with no chain

WITH offers being invited, this very well presented four-bedroom detached family home in Thorncroft Way, Walsall, is spacious and for sale through Redstones at £239,995 with no chain.

It has a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility room, a guest WC and a conservatory.

WALSALL

£239,995

To the first floor are four bedrooms, a family bathroom and an en-suite to the master bedroom. It also has gas central heating and double glazing and a rear garden.

The reception hall has stairs off to the first floor. The dining room has a door opening to the conservatory.

Off the first floor landing, bedroom one overlooks the frontage of the property. It has a built-in wardrobe and a door to its en-suite shower room. Bedroom two overlooks the front while bedroom three has views over the rear garden, as does bedroom four.

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**WESTBUTTS ROAD
ETCHINGHILL**

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£355,000



**EASTBUTTS ROAD
ETCHINGHILL**

Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Downstairs Shower Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Extended Kitchen and Sun Room. First Floor Landing with Two Large Bedrooms with one having an en-suite Bathroom, Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing Two Large Bedrooms and Shower Room. Established Gardens and Covered Carport. EPC RATING - C

£430,000



**HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY**

This delightful cottage is nestled alongside Cannock Chase. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double-Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Inner Hallway, Snug, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Cellar. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite, Four additional Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Integral Garage, Large Drive with Parking. Established Gardens. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING - C

£349,950



NEW PRICE

**MARTLIN COTTAGE
COLTON**

Delightful mid terraced cottage in village location. Kitchen, Guest WC, Lounge with feature fire. Two double Bedrooms. Bathroom with shower. Garden to rear Garage and parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating G

DEPOSIT £829

£599



**NORTON LANE
RUGELEY**

Detached bungalow with parking. Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Shower room. Gardens to front and rear. Garage. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED. EPC Rating D

DEPOSIT £900

£750



**HEDNESFORD ROAD
RUGELEY**

Detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Large Through Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Re-Fitted Kitchen with Solid Oak Units leading to Family Room/Dining Room, Utility Room, Downstairs Shower Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Box Room, Re-Fitted Luxury Bathroom. Garage. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£315,000



**BEECHMERE RISE
ETCHINGHILL**

Viewing is highly recommended to fully appreciate the size and unique layout of the property. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge/Diner, Spacious Kitchen, Separate Utility, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Three Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Double Garage and Off Road Parking. Large Garden to Rear with Views. EPC rating C


£289,950



**ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY**

Extended detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Galley Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Four Double Bedrooms with En-suite to Master Bedroom and Family Bathroom. Extensive driveway to front. Large Garden to rear. Detached Garage. EPC RATING - D

£290,000



**UPPER BROOK STREET
RUGELEY**

2nd floor flat with feature beams. Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances. One Bedroom with built in wardrobes. Shower room. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. EPC Rating C

NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B

DEPOSIT £644

£450



NEW PRICE

**NORWOOD HOUSE
ETCHINGHILL**

Two bedroomed second floor flat in sought after location. Entrance hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Two bedrooms and Bathroom with shower. Electric Heating. Parking at rear

NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating E

DEPOSIT £690

£499



**TRENT VIEW
RUGELEY**

Trent View is a 1930's traditional detached property within walking distance to the town centre. Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and staircase to Attic Storage. Large gardens to front and rear. Gravelled driveway providing ample off-road parking. Detached Garage. EPC RATING - E

£274,995



**LEVETT GRANGE
RUGELEY**

A modern executive detached house located in a popular location with open views to front. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms one with En-suite, a Jack & Jill En-suite plus a further Family Bathroom. Detached Garage and Parking to side. EPC RATING - C

£259,950



**LEVETT GRANGE
RUGELEY**

A modern three bedroomed detached family home in popular location. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-suite, Two Further Bedrooms, Bathroom. DETACHED GARAGE and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. Open views. EPC RATING - C

£205,000




**POURBAIX HOUSE
LICHFIELD**

First floor flat with security entrance system in town centre location. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. Viewing Recommended.

NO DSS, NO PETS, NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D

Deposit £795

£575



**WALSALL ROAD
LICHFIELD**

Spacious end terraced property comprising of Lounge, modern fitted Kitchen, Dining Room. Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. GCH and DG. Gardens to front and rear. On road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating E

DEPOSIT £934

£675



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**JOHNSON CLOSE
RUGELEY**

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£116,500



**CANTERBURY DRIVE
RUGELEY**

Well presented first floor FURNISHED Apartment. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances, One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Electric storage heaters. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC RATING C

DEPOSIT £609

£440



**PRIORY AVENUE
RUGELEY**

Well presented first floor Coachhouse Apartment. Comprising Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC Rating D. LEASE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. DEPOSIT £637

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BURNTHILL LANE, RUGELEY

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£165,000

NEW



LANDSDOWNE WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular cul-de-sac location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - C

£150,000

NEW



PRIORY AVENUE, HAWKSYARD

A modern three bedroomed detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen/Diner and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Enclosed Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - C

£210,000

NEW



SCHOLARS GATE, RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING - TBC

£170,000

LUPIN DRIVE HUNTINGTON

MUST BE VIEWED - 40% SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buy. In brief the accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£42,995

FINCHES HILL ETCHINGHILL

A three bedroomed semi detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Integral Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to front and rear. EPC Rating - E

£145,000

MAIN ROAD BRERETON

Located close to local amenities is this two bedroomed ground floor flat ideal for investors. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN this gas centrally heated accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Inner Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC RATING - B

£96,995

HURSTBOURNE CLOSE ETCHINGHILL

Positioned in a popular area within close proximity to the local schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Conservatory. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Covered Carport leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Garden to rear. EPC RATING TBC

£146,950

BRERETON, RUGELEY

Grade II Listed home situated in Brereton and Ravenhill. The property has been tastefully updated but still retains many of its original features. Entrance Hall, superb refitted Breakfast Kitchen and Lounge. First Floor Landing with Two good sized bedrooms and delightful Bathroom. Garage in purpose built block within courtyard to the rear. Private Courtyard Garden. EPC rating E

£176,995

BISHOPS GRANGE, RUGELEY

A four bedroomed detached family home in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom, En-Suite, Three further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Single Garage with Ample Parking. Large Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£275,000

MOOR CROFT, COLTON

A deceptively spacious detached property offered with NO CHAIN benefiting from gas central heating, and double glazing. Through Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, Conservatory, Downstairs Shower Room, Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Four Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Large Double Garage. Large garden with views. EPC RATING - D

£300,000

THE LAURELS RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid terraced bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

THE LAURELS RUGELEY

A two bedroomed mid terraced bungalow in a sheltered housing complex. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Communal Parking and Communal Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D

£110,000

THE LAURELS RUGELEY

A well proportioned bungalow positioned in a sheltered accommodation complex. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Communal Gardens and parking. EPC RATING - D

£100,000

CANTERBURY WAY RUGELEY

This one bedroomed ground floor flat is an ideal investment opportunity. Electric Storage Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/diner, Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

£102,997

GREEN LANE RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed property. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Single Garage. EPC RATING - D

£119,995

FERNWOOD DRIVE RUGELEY

A well presented three bedroomed property. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear. Single Garage. EPC RATING - D

£123,000

NEW PRICE



GREEN LANE, RUGELEY

A three bedroomed detached bungalow located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms and Large Bathroom. Detached Garage. Garden to front and Rear. EPC RATING -D

£189,950

HOWELL MEWS RUGELEY

Offered for sale with a current assured short hold tenancy a modern second floor apartment and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. Communal Entrance Hall, Second Floor Landing, Reception Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Master with En-Suite Shower Room, One Further Bedroom plus Bathroom. Allocated Parking. Viewing Recommended

£124,995



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BRERETON**

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£114,995

COMING SOON



**ANEURIN BEVAN PLACE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed family home positioned within walking distance to the local schools. Call now to register your interest and book an early viewing

£90,000

NEW



**THE LINDENS
RUGELEY**

A modern End terrace three storey house with NO CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Garage Conversion/Study and Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second floor Landing with Master Bedroom and en-suite. Driveway with Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£157,500

NEW



**FRANK ROGERS WAY
RUGELEY**

A one bedroomed semi detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing and Electric Storage Heating. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Study, One Bedroom and Shower Room. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - B/C

£105,000



**MAIN ROAD
BRERETON**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this spacious First Floor apartment conveniently located for local amenities. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking. EPC rating C

£96,995

NEW




CRABTREE WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double and Triple Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage. Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Highly Recommended. EPC RATING - E

£137,500

NEW



BRACKEN WAY, RUGELEY

A refurbished semi-detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large driveway to side leading to Single Garage. Enclosed Garden to rear. EPC RATING - D

£144,995



**PARK VIEW TERRACE
RUGELEY**

A good size three bedroomed Semi Detached house in a popular location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Utility, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Single Garage. Large Garden to front and rear. EPC Rating - C


£115,000



**ST ANTHONY'S CLOSE
RUGELEY**

Positioned in a popular cul-de-sac location within walking distance to the town centre. Benefiting from Gas central heating and Cavity Wall insulation. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage with driveway. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC rating D


£157,950



**BUSH DRIVE
RUGELEY**

This three bedroomed family home benefits from UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Accommodation briefly comprising of Entrance Hall, Guest Cloak Room, Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage and Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

£159,950



**ARMITAGE ROAD
RUGELEY**

A traditional detached property in walking distance to town centre location. UPVC Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating. Entrance Area, Lounge, Dining Room, Study Room, Bedroom Three, Inner Lobby, Breakfast Kitchen, Conservatory and Downstairs Shower Room, Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£174,000

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THE SCHOOL HOUSE, REDBROOK LANE, BRERETON

The School House was built circa 1850 by the Church Authorities for the School Master. In need of modernisation and upgrade. Side Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen area and downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three Good Sized Bedrooms. Enclosed driveway to side with mature and established gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - F

£175,000



KELVEDON WAY, ETCHINGHILL

A three bedroomed semi-detached property in popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage with ample Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£147,500



**CAMPBELL CLOSE
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. This three bedroomed mid-terraced property is ideal for first time buyers. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazed. Entrance Porch, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Parking to Rear. EPC RATING - D

£114,950

NEW PRICE



**BRERETON
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Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modern detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large Drive offering ample Off Road Parking. Garden to rear. EPC RATING - B

£155,000



REDBROOK LANE, BRERETON

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN within walking distance to all local amenities. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen with Utility Area having downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Off road parking for two vehicles. Garden to rear. Awaiting EPC

£145,000



**CAMBRIAN LANE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed semi detached property ideal for first time buyers offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. entrance Porch, Lounge and Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage and parking to rear. EPC RATING - D

£124,995



**ANEURIN BEVAN PLACE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed family home positioned within walking distance to the local schools. Gas Centrally Heated and mostly UPVC double-glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate WC. Garden to front. Garage to rear with small patio area. EPC RATING - D

£90,000



**DAVEY PLACE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed mid terraced property ideal for first time buyer or investor offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Inner Lobby, Utility, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£99,950



**SOMERSET AVENUE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed semi-detached bungalow offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprising of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room and Garden Room. Off-road parking to front. Driveway leading to Garage at rear. Gardens to rear. EPC RATING - D

£137,500



**WAVERLEY GARDENS
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this well positioned, spacious property with three double bedrooms benefits from not being overlooked and having open views over surrounding countryside. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility Room. Three Double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Carport leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

£197,500




**HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY**

Detached Dormer Bungalow positioned within walking distance to the town centre. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Bedroom and Bathroom, First Floor Landing with Bedroom Two and useful store room. Extensive gardens to rear with outbuilding/workshop. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO APPRECIATE THE PLOT. EPC RATING - D

£240,000

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**HOWELL MEWS
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EPC RATING - C

£126,500

NEW PRICE



FORTESCUE LANE, RUGELEY

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Stafford Road Huntington



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- Auction T&C's Apply
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & 1st Floor Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Strathmore Place Cannock

- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Three Bed Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC = E



Offers Around
£280,000

Pye Green Road Cannock



£135,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = F

Primrose Meadow Heath Hayes

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking to front
- EPC = D



New!

Offers Around
£130,000

Cannock Road Chase Terrace

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D



Guide price
£155,000

AUCTION
For sale by Auction

Heath Way Heath Hayes



**FEATURED
PROPERTY!**

Offers Around **£125,000**

This mid terraced house is well placed to provide easy access to Cannock Town Centre which offers a wide range of amenities. Externally the property offers lawn frontage with paved tiered rear garden and gates leading to rear driveway. Internal living comprises: entrance hall with staircase to first floor, welcoming lounge with archway into fantastic refitted breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and refitted upstairs white bathroom. Further benefits include central heating and double glazing. Overall offering a splendid purchase FOR A FIRST TIME BUYER looking at taking their first steps on to the property ladder. EPC = C

Robins Croft Heath Hayes



Sold

£225,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Residential Estate
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Garage & Parking
- EPC = C

Bower Lane Etching Hill



£420,000

- Executive Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- Etching Hill
- Three Bathrooms
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- EPC = B

Bank Street Heath Hayes



£120,000

- Two Bedroomed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Garden & Parking to Rear
- EPC = D

St. James Place Norton Green Lane



£120,000

- Two Bedroom Modern Apartment
- Allocated Parking & Visitors spaces
- Open Plan living Room
- Fitted Kitchen Area
- Secure Communal Entrance
- EPC = B

Sold

Huntington Terrace Road Cannock



£115,000

- End Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom & Guest WC
- Garden & Parking
- EPC = C

Birch Avenue Cannock



£149,995

- Semi Detached House
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Superbly Decorated Throughout
- Refitted White Kitchen
- Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = F

Sold

Hatherton Road Cannock



£485,000

- Five Bed Detached Home
- Versatile Living Accommodation
- Three Reception Rooms
- Room Overlooking Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

Frog Lane Stafford

- Unique Detached Cottage
- Two Good Size Bedroom
- Luxury Bathroom
- Spacious Living Room
- Sought After Village Location
- EPC = C



Offers Around
£230,000

New!

Main Road Brereton

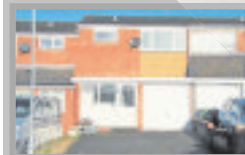


£125,000

- Converted School House
- Two Generous Bedrooms
- Quirky & Individual Design
- Open Plan Ground Floor
- Viewing Essential
- EPC = C

Langdale Drive Cannock

- Modern Three Bed Terraced
- Lounge & Fitted Kitchen
- Close To Local Amenities
- Garden To Rear
- Garage & Ample Parking
- EPC = C



New Price

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Fremantle Drive Heath Hayes

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- En Suite To Master
- Lounge With Dining Area
- Enclosed Garden To Rear
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D

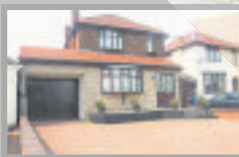


New!

Offers Around
£185,000

Pye Green Road Cannock

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Lounge / Dining Room
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- EPC = D



New!

Offers Around
£220,000

Condor Grove Heath Hayes

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = D



Offers around
£225,000

Claygate Road Wimblebury



£137,500

- Three Bedroom Property
- Fitted Kitchen
- Open Plan Living Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage Set To The Rear
- EPC = C

Pear Tree Close Huntington



£179,950

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Views of Fields To Rear
- Lounge & Dining Area
- Well Presented Throughout
- EPC = D

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Wolverhampton Road Penkridge



£185,000

- Semi Detached House
- Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage
- EPC=TBA

High Street Cheslyn Hay



£169,950

- Traditional Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Sought after Village Location
- EPC = C

Denbury Close Heath Hayes

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking to Front
- EPC = E



New Price

Offers Around
£165,000

Peregrine Way Heath Hayes



**FEATURED
PROPERTY!**

Offers Around £194,995

A lovely modern, three bedroom end terraced house, with a most interesting and appealing layout. The carefully planned interior comprises: central entrance hall with downstairs cloakroom and convenient storage cupboard, full length lounge with French doors to the rear, dining room/study and fitted kitchen with French doors opening to the rear garden. To the first floor, the master bedroom has fitted wardrobes with en suite, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Overlooking parkland to the front and with landscaped garden to the rear, further features include garage & driveway, gas central heating, double glazing and high performance insulation throughout. EPC = C

Crab Lane Chadsmoor



£140,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Lounge & Conservatory
- Impressive Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Stylish Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = C

Coniston Way Cannock

- Three Bed Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Garage
- EPC = D



Offers Around
£254,995

Wolverhampton Road Cannock



£355,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Must Be Viewed
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC = D



Detached property must be viewed

CANNOCK
£355,000

Ideally situated on the outskirts of Cannock, making it ideally placed for commuting, 204 Wolverhampton Road, Cannock is a detached house that simply must be viewed!

Having four bedrooms, it is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £355,000.

Having an attractive white painted facade with off road parking to the front and dwarf walling to the roadside, the accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, a breakfast kitchen with modern wood-effect units and complementary working surfaces, a utility room, study, four bedrooms, master with en suite and a family bathroom. There is a garage and off road parking.

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Six-bedroomed detached in a gated development

STAFFORD
£420,000

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This executive-style detached property in Oakbrook Close, Stafford, lies in a private gated development and comes with six bedrooms.

With fabulous living space over three floors, it is for sale through Your Move at £420,000.

It has an entrance hall with stairs to the first floor landing, a guest WC, three reception rooms on the ground floor – a lounge, dining room and family room, an impressive kitchen with integral appliances, a utility room, four first floor double bedrooms including a master with an en-suite bathroom and a family bathroom. The second floor has two further double bedrooms. Outside the driveway provides off road parking leading to the double garage.

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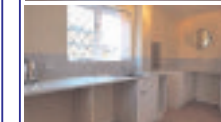
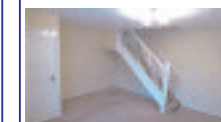



























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<div>Heath Hayes</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Cross Street</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Spacious Detached House•Through Lounge•Dining Room & Snug•Re-fitted Kitchen•••DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS & WELL PRESENTED••• With good schools and amenities nearby this beautiful detached house would make the perfect family home. Internally the property offers well planned accommodation that in brief consists of a porch, entrance hall, guest WC, through lounge, dining room, snug, kitchen, gallery landing, four bedrooms and a large family bathroom, whilst outside the property boasts a stunning mature rear garden, off street parking and a garage with utility area.</div><div></div><div>£230,000EPC=C</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Pye Green Road</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room•L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner•Four Bedrooms•••LARGE GARDEN•••VIEWING RECOMMENDED••• This spacious detached house is been offered for sale with NO CHAIN and is located only a short distance from Cannock town centre. In brief the accommodation consists of an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, L-shaped kitchen/diner, downstairs bedroom, shower room, rear porch, three upstairs bedrooms, bathroom, large rear garden, ample off street parking and a garage.</div><div></div><div>£220,000EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Heath Hayes</div> <div>New Price</div> <div></div> <div><div>Apple Walk</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Mews Style House•Lounge & Kitchen•Two Bedrooms•Front Garden<p>Butters John Bee are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom mews house which is located in Heath Hayes a popular area with amenities and good schooling nearby. In brief the accommodation comprises, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there is a front garden and an allocated space which is located in a communal parking area.</p></div><div></div><div>£109,995EPC=F</div></div>	<div>Wimblebury</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Scott Street</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Semi Detached House•Through Lounge & Kitchen•Two Bedrooms•Shower Room•••NO CHAIN••• IDEAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY••• Situated in a popular residential area this traditional semi detached house offers accommodation that in brief consists of an entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a shower room. Outside the property provides both front and rear gardens.</div><div></div><div>£97,500EPC=TBA</div></div>				
<div>Shoal Hill</div> <div>New Price</div> <div></div> <div><div>Holder Drive</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Executive Detached•Much Sought After Location•Lounge & Dining Room•Conservatory & Study</div><div></div><div>£434,999EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Wimblebury</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Brisbane Way</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Executive Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room•Breakfast Kitchen & Utility•Study & Guest Cloakroom</div><div></div><div>£329,950EPC=C</div></div>	<div>Hednesford</div> <div>No Chain</div> <div></div> <div><div>Wenlock View</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•New Build•Detached Family House•Spacious Lounge•Dining Kitchen</div><div></div><div>£280,000EPC=B</div></div>	<div>Bloxwich</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Selsdon Road, Turnberry Estate</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Detached Bungalow•Corner plot, Cul-de-sac•Lounge/Diner•Fitted Kitchen</div><div></div><div>£189,995EPC=D</div></div>				
<div>Wedges Mills</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Wood Lane</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Stunning Bungalow*Three Bedrooms•Bathroom & Shower Room*Conservatory</div><div>£330,000EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Penkridge</div> <div>No Chain</div> <div></div> <div><div>Firethorn Cottage</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Semi Detached Cottage*Semi Rural Location•3 Double Bedrooms*Good Sized Accommodation</div><div>£280,000EPC=C</div></div>	<div>Wimblebury</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Haymaker Way</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Executive Detached House*Lounge, Dining Room•Conservatory, Kitchen/Diner*Four Bedrooms</div><div>£269,995EPC=C</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div>New Price</div> <div></div> <div><div>Dartmouth Avenue</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Traditional Detached House*Three Bedrooms•Lounge, Dining Room*Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen</div><div>£254,999EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Manor Avenue</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Improved Detached House*Town Centre Location•Lounge & Dining Room*Modern Fitted Kitchen</div><div>£239,995EPC=C</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Pye Green Road</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Detached House*Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Utility Room*Family Room</div><div>£197,500EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Heath Hayes</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Turquoise Grove</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Detached Family Home*Popular Residential Area•Lounge & Dining Room*Kitchen & Conservatory</div><div>£189,950EPC=E</div></div>	<div>Norton Canes</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Kingswood Drive</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Linked Detached*Spacious Lounge/Diner•Conservatory & Fitted Kitchen*Three Bedrooms</div><div>£167,500EPC=D</div></div>
<div>Huntington</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Violet Close</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Modern Semi Detached*Two Bedrooms•Kitchen/Diner*Lounge & Guest WC</div><div>£149,995EPC=B</div></div>	<div>Heath Hayes</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Spindlewood Close</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Semi Detached House*Lounge & Conservatory•Kitchen/Breakfast Room*Laundry & Guest WC</div><div>£159,995EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Hednesford Road</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Extended Semi Detached*Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Guest WC*Three Bedrooms & Bathroom</div><div>£134,995EPC=E</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Station Court</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Modern Mews House*Conveniently Located•Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen*Two Bedrooms</div><div>£135,000EPC=B</div></div>	<div>Hednesford</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>High Mount Street</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•End Terraced House*Lounge & Dining Room•Refitted Kitchen & Lean To*Laundry/Guest WC</div><div>£125,000EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Hednesford</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Sharon Way</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Semi Detached House*Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Conservatory*Three Bedrooms</div><div>£125,000EPC=D</div></div>	<div>Cannock</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div><div>Dartmouth Mews</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Executive Duplex Apartment*Open Plan•Two Bedrooms*Underfloor Heating</div><div>£119,950EPC=B</div></div>	<div>Hednesford</div> <div>New</div> <div></div> <div><div>Bromley Close</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Semi Detached House*Lounge•Kitchen/Diner*Two Bedrooms</div><div>£120,000EPC=D</div></div>

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- Canopy Porch
- SRP Room
- Dining Room
- Loft/Bedroom room
- Second Sitting Room/Bedroom
- Refitted Cloakroom with WC
- SPAC Double Glazed Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- Breakfast Room

- Landings
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted En-Suite Bathroom
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Landscaped South Facing Gardens
- Predominantly Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Insulation Installed

◆ EPC Rating E (48) ◆

PRICE £429,950 : FREEHOLD

97 CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



IMPROVED AND EXTENDED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At Cannock and Hednesford Town Centres

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£119,950 FREEHOLD

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- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

31 BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



WELL EQUIPPED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

PINE LODGE, 2 HIGH PARK, STAFFORD



IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FLEXIBLE FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CHARACTER Located In A Much Sought After Established Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two receptions rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Detached garage
- Gardens and secure parking for caravan, boat etc
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (46)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

3 NIGHTINGALE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

NO CHAIN



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMS DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Entrance hall and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining area
- Breakfast area/utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Two shower rooms
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£235,000 FREEHOLD

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88 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge/dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

CLARENCE VILLA, 3 GREEN LANE, PELSALL

NO CHAIN



AN IMPROVED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE WHICH OCCUPIES A PROMINENT CORNER POSITION OFFERING POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSION Conveniently Located For Facilities At Pelsall Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Three double bedrooms
- Detached garage
- Well stocked corner plot gardens
- Part gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£185,000 FREEHOLD

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT CONSTRUCTED IN 2002 Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Communal hall with security phone system
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (49)

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- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Split level bathroom
- Off road parking
- Well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (56)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

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- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Single garage
- EPC rating: C (79)

£249,995 FREEHOLD



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56 BANK STREET, HEATH HAYES



NO CHAIN

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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (30)

£150,000 FREEHOLD

80 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED
FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY
RESIDENCE

Located In Much Sought After Residential Area
Of The Town Close to the Shoal Hill District of
Cannock Chase and Cannock Park to Rear

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen,
- ◆ utility room and
- ◆ cloakroom
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ conservatory
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Two bathrooms
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Well stocked
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ and gas central
- ◆ heating
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£429,950 FREEHOLD

HOLLY LODGE, 10 KENDERDINE CLOSE, BEDNALL



NO CHAIN

**DETACHED FOUR BEDROOMED
FAMILY HOUSE**
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This
Much Sought After Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Central reception hall
- ◆ Three reception
- ◆ rooms
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ and utility
- ◆ Central galleried
- ◆ landing
- ◆ Four double
- ◆ bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and
- ◆ en-suite shower room
- ◆ Detached double
- ◆ width garage
- ◆ Private gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central
- ◆ heating
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£439,950 FREEHOLD

PLOT 9 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET,
CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH
SPECIFICATION

Conveniently Located In Private Drive For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Entrance hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating B (84)

£137,950 FREEHOLD

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED
INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER
STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING
FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
located In Much Sought After Residential Area
Of The Town

- ◆ Reception hall and
- ◆ cloakroom
- ◆ 2/3/4 Reception
- ◆ rooms
- ◆ Breakfast Kitchen
- ◆ and utility room
- ◆ Four first floor
- ◆ bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and
- ◆ ensuite
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens and in and
- ◆ out drive
- ◆ Gas fired central
- ◆ heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£389,950 FREEHOLD

15 STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED
DETACHED HOUSE Located In Cul-De-Sac Conveniently
located for Wide Range of Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted ensuite shower room
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ [Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (58)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY



NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO
BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
OCCUPYING GROUNDS WHICH EXTENDS
TO APPROXIMATELY 0.38 OR AN ACRE
Located In This Much Sought After South
Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Verandah and utility
- ◆ Two double
- ◆ bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Gardens and
- ◆ paddock to 0.98 of
- ◆ an acre
- ◆ Oil fired central
- ◆ heating
- ◆ Predominantly
- ◆ double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (37)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

86 EDWARD STREET,
BROOMHILL, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Occupying Larger Garden In Popular Position Convenient
For Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory/
- ◆ utility
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Larger gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (69)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

NANT Y DERW, TREGYNON, POWYS



WELL APPOINTED SPACIOUS FOUR
BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY
RESIDENCE OFFERING ECO FRIENDLY
CONTEMPORARY STYLE ACCOMMODATION
Located In Popular Village Midway Between
Welshpool and Newtown

- ◆ 3 reception rooms
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Utility room and
- ◆ cloakroom
- ◆ Four double
- ◆ bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room
- ◆ and family bathroom
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Well stocked
- ◆ gardens with stream
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (71)

£275,000 FREEHOLD

85 JOHNSON ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate WC
- ◆ Possible off road parking
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Solid fuel central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating F (28)

£99,950 FREEHOLD

51 HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Separate toilet
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£110,000 FREEHOLD

47 LLOYD STREET, CANNOCK



NO CHAIN

EXTENDED AND IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
OF CHARACTER ORIGINALLY BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTER WAR PERIOD
In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Porch and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Larger than average gardens
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating E (48)

£220,000 FREEHOLD

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- ◆ GARDENS
- ◆ GAS FIRED CENTRAL HEATING
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FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£475 pcm

22 LOVE LANE, LOVE LANE
PARK HOMES, RUGELEYSPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located On Well Presented Park Home Site Convenient
For Local Facilities

- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double bedroom
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ For persons aged 50 and over
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ LPG central heating
- ◆ Parking space and gardens
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E

£475 pcm

2 FOXFIELDS WAY,
HUNTINGTONTWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In Popular
Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Corner plot gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (62)

£595 pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD,
HEATH HAYESWELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM
DETACHED BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£725 pcm

12 VICTORIA TERRACE,
NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWNWELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM
SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs & landing
- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ One allocated parking space
- ◆ Secure gated access
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£500 pcm

39 WOODSTOCK DRIVE,
HUNTINGTONWELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM
SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (59)

£625 pcm

NO. 4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY
LANE, CANNOCKWELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shire Hall District Of The
Town Adjacent Cannock Chase

- ◆ Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Luxury bathroom
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Landscaped communal grounds
- ◆ Security gated access
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£695 pcm

41 COPPICE ROAD,
RUGELEYTHREE BEDROOMED END
TERRACED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Car port
- ◆ Large rear garden
- ◆ Sorry no pets or smokers
- ◆ DSS considered
- ◆ EPC rating: F (36)

£525 pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON
LANE, GREAT WYRLEYNEWLY COMPLETED FIVE
BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Sitting room & dining room
- ◆ Study & family room
- ◆ Kitchen & utility
- ◆ Central landing
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Three en-suites
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Double garage
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£1300 pcm

PROPERTY



Family home situated in a highly-regarded neighbourhood ideally placed for commuting

An immaculately presented, four-bedroomed family home in a quiet cul-de-sac in a highly-regarded area in Gorway Close, Walsall, is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £300,000.

Ideally placed for commuting, it has double glazing and gas central heating, an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, a recently fitted kitchen, downstairs

WALSALL
£300,000

WC, a galleried landing, four bedrooms and a refitted modern family bathroom.

This family home further benefits from a large garage, gardens with

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The refitted kitchen has an Asterite sink, an extractor and under-counter lighting. The master and second bedrooms have wardrobes and the bathroom has a white suite. For more information call Paul Dubberley on 01902 633323 or visit www.pauldubberley.co.uk



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This immaculately presented three-bedroomed semi-detached property in Cleveland Close, Willenhall, lies in a cul-de-sac location.

With an elegant cream coloured facade, it is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £104,950.

The property comprises a shared entrance porch, a spacious lounge

WILLENHALL
£104,950

with dining area, wood-effect floor and an attractive feature fireplace, refitted kitchen and a ground-floor family bathroom.

The property also has gas central

heating, double glazing, off-road parking and a private rear garden.

It is superbly situated for access to a wide range of local amenities, popular local schools and excellent transport links.

For further information contact L&S Prestige Estates on 01902 606595 or visit www.prestige-estatesuk.com

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Traditional home with contemporary style

This traditional detached house in Stone Road, Stafford, lies to the north side of Stafford Town Centre and has excellent family living space.

It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners at £250,000. The property is ideally situated for commuting, with easy access to major network links, whilst also being very convenient for the town centre itself.

STAFFORD
£250,000

The property has been maintained and improved substantially and has a mix of original period features blended with contemporary living. Internally, the accommodation includes an entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge with a feature

fireplace, a dining room, a spacious kitchen/breakfast room, a sitting room/bedroom with adjoining shower room, utility, three first floor bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside there is a gravel driveway providing parking for several vehicles, and a garage.

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- Double Glazing
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- Attached Garage
- Front And Rear Gardens

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Sandy Lane Rugeley

A 3 bedroomed semi-detached house

- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Conservatory
- Ground floor WC
- Large rear garden
- Ample parking

£132,500



Cheviot Drive Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Link Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Utility
- Driveway And Garage
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

£139,950



Horsefair, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom End Terrace Cottage

- UPVC Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room
- Carport
- Fully Enclosed Rear Garden

£138,000



The Laurels

Two bedroom SCHEME MANAGED bungalow.

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- Shower room
- Lounge/Dining room
- Communal gardens

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Charming four bedroom detached character property / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Farmhouse breakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

£375,000

Talbot Street
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Four bedroom detached house / Finished to a good modern standard / Original character and charm / Superb open plan breakfast kitchen / Double detached garage & driveway

£350,000

Castlecroft
NORTON CANES



Immaculately Presented Four Bedroom Detached House / Tastefully Decorated & Finished To A High Standard Throughout / Sought After Area / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

£350,000

Albany Drive
WIMBLEDON



Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Set on good sized corner plot / Tastefully decorated and finished to high standard / Four double bedrooms / Impressive open plan breakfast

£340,000

St Nicholas Way
RUGELEY



Spacious four bedroom detached family home / mature private rear garden / sought after village location / generous living & sleeping accommodation

£340,000

East Butts Road
ETCHING HILL



Deceptively spacious four bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / First floor master bedroom & rear extension / Modern fitted bathroom / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT

£335,000

Highfield Road
HEATH HAYES



Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Tastefully decorated and finished to an exceptionally high standard / Several spacious reception rooms / Charming private landscaped rear garden

£330,000

Plovers Rise
RUGELEY



Three bedroom detached bungalow / Large plot / Separate double garage / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / New laid soft rubber mulch driveway

Offers in Excess of £300,000

Strathmore Place
CANNOCK



Three bedroom detached bungalow / Set back from road / Quiet & sought after cul-de-sac location / Finished to good standard / Modern fitted kitchen / Integral garage / Driveway with ample parking

£280,000

Horseshoe Drive
WIMBLEDON



Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Set on a large plot / Finished to good modern standard / Four double bedrooms / Spacious open plan dining kitchen

£279,999

Waterlily Close
WIMBLEDON



Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Good sized corner plot / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Re-fitted open plan breakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

£270,000

Barn Way
WIMBLEDON



Executive detached family home / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Finished to high standard throughout / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

£240,000

Pye Green Road
CANNOCK



Four bedroom character property / Undergone renovation & refurbishment / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Superb breakfast kitchen / Victorian conservatory / Private rear garden

£240,000

Thorn Close
RUGELEY



Four bedroom detached house / Corner plot in quiet cul-de-sac location / Spacious accommodation / Conservatory / Adjoining garage / Driveway for two vehicles

£230,000

Cannock Road
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Four Bedroom Detached Character Property / Sought After Location / Picturesque Views Of The Countryside To The Front / Useful Ground Floor Bedroom With En-Suite

Offers in Excess of £220,000

Lime Pit Lane
HEDNESFORD



Five bedroom semi detached house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Set over three storeys / Finished to good modern standard throughout

Offers in the Region Of £205,000

Colliers Way
HUNTINGTON



Four bedroom town house / Set over three floors / High spec Pronorm kitchen / Four double bedrooms / Private rear garden

£200,000

New Penkridge Road
CANNOCK



Three bedroom character property / Tastefully decorated and finished to a good standard throughout / Double bedrooms / Good sized private rear garden

£195,000

Spring Street
CANNOCK



Distinctive, spacious & well presented three bedroom detached dormer bungalow / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Driveway for two vehicles / Integrated garage plus front & rear gardens

£190,000

Rowan Close
HUNTINGTON



Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Private cul-de-sac near to Cannock Chase / Six year NHBC guarantee remaining / Three double bedrooms / Modern kitchen diner

£190,000

Smillie Place
CANNOCK



Immaculately presented four bedroom semi detached house / Extensive refurbishment, structural work and a large extension / Finished to an exceptionally high standard / Contemporary open plan

£160,000

Fremantle Drive
WIMBLEDON



Three bedroom link terrace house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen / Large rear conservatory / Larger than usual first floor

£160,000

Kingswood Avenue
CANNOCK



Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Private rear garden / Integral garage

£155,000

Cotswold Close
HEDNESFORD



Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Useful side annex / Spacious lounge / Charming private rear garden

£150,000

Lower Road
HEDNESFORD



Traditional two bedroom semi detached house / Undergone recent refurbishment / Contemporary open plan layout on ground floor / Modern kitchen & bathroom / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT

£149,950

Millers Vale
HEATH HAYES



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Located in sought after area / Modern kitchen & bathroom / Spacious lounge / Superbly presented rear garden / Driveway for two vehicles

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Rawnsley Road
RAWNSLEY



Traditional mid terraced house / Superb semi rural location / Picturesque views of Cannock Chase / Four good sized bedrooms / Useful cellar

£135,000

Well Lane
GREAT WYRLEY



Two bedroom mid-terrace house / Good sized lounge-diner / Modern kitchen / Extended private rear garden / Driveway for two vehicles

£130,000

Rowan Close
HUNTINGTON



Immaculately presented two bedroom semi-detached / Quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner / Private rear garden ideal for entertaining

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Progress Grove
HUNTINGTON



Three bedroom semi detached house / Finished to high standard throughout / Modern fitted kitchen / Good sized lounge diner / Private rear garden / NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Anglesey Street
HEDNESFORD



Two Bedroom End Terrace House / Stunning Communal Gardens / Exclusive Private Mews Development / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

£130,000

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD



Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and Sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

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Sidon Hill Way
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Two Bedroom End Terrace House / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation / Victorian Conservatory / Modern Kitchen & Bathroom / Sought After Location

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Primrose Meadow
HEATH HAYES



Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Positioned in quiet cul-de-sac / Two double bedrooms / Modern fitted bathroom suite / Spacious lounge / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Lyndhurst Road
HEATH HAYES



Immaculately presented traditional two bedroom mid terrace house / Tastefully decorated and finished to a good modern standard / Spacious open plan living area

Offers in the Region Of £129,950

Watling Street
BRIDGTOWN



Three bedroom semi detached bungalow / Potential building plot / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Large rear garden / Driveway for several vehicles

£125,000

Fairoaks Drive
GREAT WYRLEY



Three bedroom mid terrace house / Spacious open lounge/diner / Modern fitted kitchen & private rear garden

Offers in the Region Of £123,000

Sidon Hill Way
HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom mid terrace house / Set back from main road on small development / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Private rear garden / Two double bedrooms / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£120,000

Sharon Way
HEDNESFORD



Three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious lounge / Private rear garden / Good sized bedrooms / Private rear garden & conservatory / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

Littleworth Road
RAWNSLEY



Well presented traditional two/three bedroom mid terrace house / Picturesque semi rural location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £120,000

The Laurels
RUGELEY



Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow / Available For The Over 55's / Warden Controlled Development / Spacious Lounge/Diner With Access To Patio Area / Modern kitchen & Shower Room

£115,000

Acorn Close
HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Private driveway for up to three vehicles / Private side garden / Ideal for first time buyers or investors

£115,000

Nelson Drive
WIMBLEBURY



Two bedroom end terrace house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious lounge / Modern kitchen and bathroom / Private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £115,000

Wimblebury Road
HEATH HAYES



Three Bedroom End Terrace House / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Semi Rural Location / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

£95,000

Park Road
TOWN CENTRE - CANNOCK



Second floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C

Guide Price £90,000

Littleworth Road
HEDNESFORD



Two bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set back and raised from the road / Spacious reception rooms / Charming private rear garden

£89,950

Heath Way
HEATH HAYES



Well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment / Spacious lounge-diner / Modern kitchen & bathroom / Double bedroom / Communal gardens & allocated parking

£75,000



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EBENEZER STREET

NEW



- A three bed detached house
- In need of modernisation
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen, outside WC
- Family bathroom
- Garden, driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£149,950

HUNTINGTON
LONGCROFT

NEW



- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating
- Modern fitted breakfast kitchen
- Utility
- Lounge, three bedrooms
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- EPC rating C

£145,000

CANNOCK
PYE GREEN ROAD

NEW



- A two bedroom mid terraced house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking, EPC rating E

£129,950

CANNOCK
DARTMOUTH ROAD



- Two bedroom mid terrace
- Off road parking, Garage
- Walking distance to Town centre
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gas central heating, Double glazing
- Viewing Recommended
- Awaiting EPC rating

£147,500

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- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing highly recommended
- EPC rating B

£235,000

HEATH HAYES
HILL STREET



- A three bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Off road parking
- EPC rating E

£115,000

HEDNESFORD
DAISY BANK



- A three bedroom detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Corner plot
- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway and garage
- EPC rating D

£172,000

HEATH HAYES
ACORN CLOSE



- A two bedroom end terraced house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front garden
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- Awaiting EPC rating

£104,950

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Spacious family home placed in great location has got it all and lends itself to further expansion

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With gas fired central heating and double glazing it has an enclosed

WALSALL
£395,000

porch, a welcoming and spacious reception hall, an attractive dining kitchen, a utility, guest WC, dining room, a through lounge, study, sitting room, four bedrooms, (master with an en-suite shower room), a large bathroom, extensive fore and rear gardens and a garage with

front and rear access. It is ideally positioned for the town centre. Walsall rugby, cricket and golf clubs are also within close proximity.

In more detail the attractively fitted dining kitchen has a double oven with a gas hob and extractor, an integrated dishwasher together with a fridge and ceramic tiled flooring.

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Two-bedroomed top-floor apartment with open-plan living is ideal buy-to-let with quick completion

A two-bedroomed top-floor apartment in Parish Court, Church Place, Walsall, is deceptively spacious and has open-plan living.

An ideal buy-to-let available with a quick completion, it is for sale through Goodchilds at offers in excess of £80,000 with no chain.

CHURCH PLACE, WALSALL
£80,000

With a secure intercom entrance system, allocated parking space and gas central heating, it has an entrance hall with storage cupboards and loft storage.

There is a spacious living area, a fitted kitchen with an integrated oven, hob and extractor, space and plumbing for appliances and laminate flooring, a master bedroom, second double bedroom and a bathroom with a modern white suite and communal gardens.

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Armitage Road, Rugeley

- Beautifully presented traditional terraced property
- Gardens backing onto the Trent and Mersey Canal
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen, cellar
- Two bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Lovely gardens, No Chain

£124,950

Arch Street, Rugeley



- A traditional terraced property close to town
- In need of modernisation and refurbishment
- Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- No Chain, huge potential

£79,950



Heather Close, Brereton

- Good size semi detached property
- In need of some light modernisation
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, kitchen, conservatory
- Three bedrooms, bathroom, sep wc
- Parking and pleasant gardens

£124,950

Green Lane, Rugeley



- Traditional terraced property close to town
- Offered with No Upward Chain and offers considered
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, breakfast kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear

£119,950



Richardson Way, Rugeley

- Spacious three storey mid terraced property
- Hallway, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, guest wc
- Four bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Front and rear gardens, allocated parking
- Offered with No Chain

£169,950



Taylors Lane, Rugeley

- Superb executive four bedroom detached property
- Secluded garden plot close to town centre amenities
- Viewing essential, hallway, lounge, kitchen, study, dining room
- Four well proportioned bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Front and rear gardens with double garage

£389,950

Arch Street, Rugeley



- Spacious three bedroom traditional terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment property with NO CHAIN
- Hallway, lounge/ dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom
- Three good size bedrooms to first floor
- Lovely rear garden, superb value

£109,950 Offers Invited



St Thomas Way, Hawksway

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

£83,950



Talbot Street, Rugeley

- Well presented traditional detached property
- Good sized garden and garage with driveway to side
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, luxury bathroom
- Viewing essential, offers considered

£269,950

Station Road, Rugeley



- Extended three storey traditional terrace
- Close to town centre and offered with No Chain
- Kitchen, large lounge and dining room to rear
- Two bedrooms, refitted and remodelled bathroom
- Allocated parking and rear garden

£129,950



Cornwall Court, Rugeley

- A three bedroom mid terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, extended dining room
- Kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom
- Front and rear gardens

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The Laurels, Brereton



- Two bedroom retirement bungalow
- Offered on a sheltered housing scheme
- Hallway, kitchen, lounge, two good size bedrooms
- Communal gardens and parking
- Superb value, must be viewed

£110,000



Middle Croft, Hawksyard

- Super value four bedroom detached house
- Offered with No Upward Chain, viewing essential
- Hallway, guest wc, lounge, kitchen/ diner
- Four bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Front and rear gardens, garage

£225,000



Huntsmans Walk, Rugeley

- Spacious three/ four bedroom link detached home
- Hallway, lounge, bedroom four/study, dining room
- Kitchen, utility room, conservatory
- Three first floor bedrooms, bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, viewing essential

Offers over £160,000

Lichfield Street, Rugeley



- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

£149,950



Handle Cottage, Slitting Mill

- Character cottage in popular Village location
- Stunning rural views to rear of property
- Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom
- Two good size bedrooms, beams and period features
- Gardens, Offered with No Chain

£165,000



Garden View, Rugeley

- A three bedroom terraced property close to town
- Ideal Investment/ First time buy, No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, modern kitchen, shower room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Viewing essential

£119,950

Glovers Hill Court, Brereton



- Spacious second floor apartment in good location
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge/ diner with open plan kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, main bathroom
- Allocated parking, viewing essential

£109,995



Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented and spacious second floor apartment
- Good location and close to amenities
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom
- Allocated parking, viewing essential

£89,950



Somerset Avenue, Rugeley

- Good sized semi detached property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase, No Chain
- Hallway, lounge/diner, Kitchen, utility and study
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Garage/ front and rear gardens

£154,950

York Close, Rugeley



- Well presented and spacious end terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Popular location and offered with No Upward Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with two parking spaces

£149,950 Offers Invited



Lockside View, Rugeley

- Superbly presented semi detached property
- Popular location close to town centre
- Hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom and guest wc
- Garage, driveway and gardens

£164,950



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- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage
- Private Garden
- G.C.H, D.Glazed
- NO CHAIN

\$189,000

GREAT WYRLEY
HONEYSUCKLE WAY

- Detached House
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen Diner, Utility
- 4 Bedrooms, 2 En-suites
- Family Bathroom
- Landscape Gardens
- Double Garage
- Viewing Recommended

\$315,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
MITRE ROAD

- Extended Home
- Through Hallway
- Study,
- Bar/ Sitting Room
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Extended Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

\$150,000

NEW

CANNOCK
LIMEPIT LANE

- 3 Storey Family Home
- Guests WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 4 Bedrms, Study
- En-Suite, Bathroom
- landscaped Garden
- Car Barn, Driveway
- Buyers Incentive \$250 towards Legal Costs

\$205,000

GREAT WYRLEY
BROADMEADOW LANE

- Det House
- Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory, D Room
- Sitting Area/Snug
- Study/Bed 4
- 4 Beds, Shower Room
- Store Room/Workshop
- Integ Garage, Gardens

\$250,000 offered around

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD



- Traditional Detached
- Entrance Hall,
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory, dining kitchen
- Guest WC, 4 Bedrooms
- Shower Room, Bathroom
- G.C.H. Double Glazing
- NO CHAIN

\$445,000

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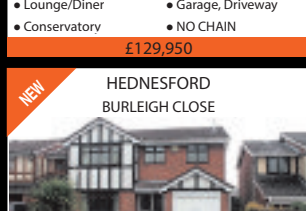



- Modern Town House
- Guests WC, Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£129,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BURLEIGH CLOSE






- Spacious Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Guests WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- 4 Beds, En-Suite
- Garage, Driveway
- NO CHAIN

£219,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
FISHER STREET


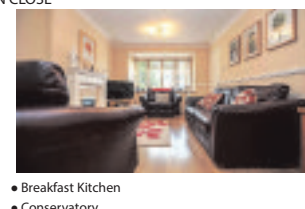



- Link detached
- Through Hallway
- Lounge
- Ext Dininr Room
- Ext Kitchen
- Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage Space

£169,950

NEW

RUGELEY
THORN CLOSE


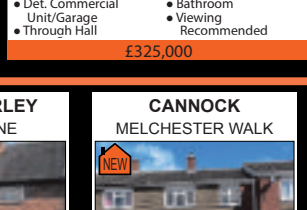



- Corner Plot
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Guest W.C.
- Four Bedrooms

£229,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET


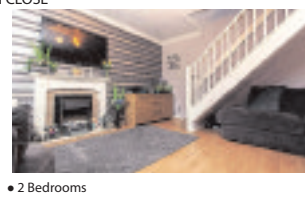



- Detached Family Home
- 1 Bed Annex
- Det. Commercial Unit/Garage
- Through Hall
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

£325,000


NEW

HEATH HAYES
ACORN CLOSE

- Town House
- Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Allocated Parking


£115,000



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NEW

GENTLESHAW
COMMONSIDE




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Guest WC
- GCH & DG
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC Rating E

£700 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
HILTON LANE




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Guest WC
- GCH & DG
- Parking
- Rear Garden
- EPC Rating C

£700 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
MELCHESTER WALK




- Unfurnished Terrace House
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Conservatory
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

NORTON CANES
NORTON GRANGE




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
FORGE CLOSE




- Unfurnished Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En Suite
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£600 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET



- Unfurnished Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Central Heating
- Partly Double Glazed
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating E


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- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

BRIDGTOWN
NEW STREET




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Parking
- Rear Garden
- EPC Rating E

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
MILL CRESCENT




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating E

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD




- St John's House
- Second Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
BEECH TREE COURT




- Unfurnished Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STREETS LANE




- Unfurnished Semi Detached Cottage
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating E

£475 pcm & FEES - NO DSS


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PICASSO CLOSE




- Unfurnished First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Heating
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating D

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

CANNOCK
GROSVENOR COURT




- Unfurnished First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Cloak Room
- Protected Access
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

WILLENHALL
CIRCUIT CLOSE




- Unfurnished First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 1 Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- GCH & DG
- Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£132 pw & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
LANGHOLM DRIVE




- Unfurnished Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garage
- Parking
- EPC Rating D

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NEW

HEATH HAYES
HODSON WAY



- Unfurnished Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Parking
- EPC Rating C

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Great Wyrley Office - £399,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Impressive detached family home
- Two storey rear extension
- Large lounge, family room, study
- Kitchen/diner, utility, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway parking
- Spacious detached triple garage
- EPC rating E



Great Wyrley Office - £395,000

GREAT WYRLEY, STAFFORD ROAD

- Impressive detached house
- Semi rural location
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- Open sun terrace off bed 1
- Gated parking for several cars
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D



Burntwood Office - £375,000

GENTLESHAW, MALTHOUSE LANE

- Four bedroom end terraced
- Spacious living accommodation
- Conservatory
- Stunning views
- Impressive gardens to three sides
- Detached Garage
- EPC rating E



Great Wyrley Office - £350,000

BLOXWICH, WESTHALL GATE

- Spacious three storey home
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- 3 receptions, kitchen, guest WC
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Entertainment room, utility
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating C



Burntwood Office - £270,000

HEATH HAYES, CHAPLAIN ROAD

- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Garden



Great Wyrley Office - £259,950

GREAT WYRLEY, SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / large conservatory
- 2 double bedrooms
- Bathroom, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D



Great Wyrley Office - £235,000

CHESLYN HAY, HIGH STREET

- Imposing detached residence
- Commercial use as nursery
- Change of use applied for
- 3 receptions, kitchen, bathroom
- Garden, off road parking
- Detached 2 storey outbuilding
- EPC rating E



Great Wyrley Office - £235,000

CHURCHBRIDGE, ELLIOT DRIVE

- Superb detached residence
- Sought after location
- Larger than average plot
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Lounge, kitchen / diner, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating B



Great Wyrley Office - £235,000

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Superb detached bungalow
- Set well back from the road
- Immaculate interiors
- Lounge, family room / bedroom
- Breakfast kitchen, utility
- Rear courtyard garden
- EPC rating D



Burntwood Office - £230,000

BURNTWOOD, NIGHTINGALE COURT

- Second floor penthouse
- Sought after location
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Communal garden & grounds
- EPC rating C



Great Wyrley Office - £214,999

CHESLYN HAY, WOODMAN LANE

- Semi-detached period house
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Exuding charm & character
- 2 receptions, breakfast kitchen
- Laundry room, office / store room
- Garden, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D



Great Wyrley Office - £205,000

CHURCHBRIDGE, LOCKSIDE

- Modern semi-detached house
- Popular & convenient location
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Spacious lounge, guest WC
- Superb kitchen / diner
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating B



Burntwood Office - £180,000

BURNTWOOD, BEECHEN GROVE

- Immaculately Presented
- Spacious Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Private Rear Garden
- Detached Garage
- Cul de Sac Location
- EPC rating to follow



Burntwood Office - £170,000

LICHFIELD, WISSAGE ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Spacious living accommodation
- Mature rear garden
- In need of a little TLC
- Close to Lichfield City Centre
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow



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Burntwood Office - £170,000

NORTON CANES, BEAUMONT WAY

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Spacious lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Private rear garden
- Utility room (converted garage)
- Cul de sac location
- EPC rating D



Burntwood Office - £160,000

BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Cottage style semi detached
- Shower room
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Utility & GF bathroom
- Gated parking to side
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D



Great Wyrley Office - £144,950

GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Well presented semi
- Popular village location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Superb conservatory
- Low maintenance garden
- Driveway to front & rear
- EPC rating E



Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

LITTLE BLOXWICH, GRENELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Pleasant outlook to the front
- Through lounge / diner
- Extended kitchen, utility
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No onward chain
- EPC rating C



Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

CHESLYN HAY, WESTBOURNE AVENUE

- Well proportioned semi
- Convenient village location
- Lounge /diner, kitchen
- Lovely rear garden
- Driveway, garage
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D



Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

LITTLE BLOXWICH, GRENELL ROAD

- Superb semi-detached house
- Refurbished interiors
- Through lounge / diner
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Good sized rear garden
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow



Burntwood Office - £1600pcm

LICHFIELD, THE MALTHOUSE

- Luxury Penthouse Apartment
- Recent Conversion
- Open Planning Living
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Balcony Overlooking Lichfield City
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- EPC Rating D



Burntwood Office - £725pcm

BURNTWOOD, REDWOOD DRIVE

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Modern Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Garage and Driveway
- Modern Decor Throughout
- Available End of May
- EPC Rating D



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Canterbury Drive,

- Four bedroom detached house
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- Cloakroom
- Master bedroom with En-suite
- 3 Further bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage, Gardens
- NO CHAIN

Offers in the Region of £229,995

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Gorse Lane, Rugeley, REFURBISHED

- Refurbished Detached Bungalow
- NO CHAIN
- Hall, open plan Living/Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom
- Versatile Study/Utility Room
- Rewired, New Combi-Boiler

£185,000

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley, A

- Three bedroom House
- Conservatory
- Hall, Cloakroom
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking Spaces

Offers in the Region of £155,000

No Chain

Ravenhill Terrace,

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- OPEN PLAN DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- OUTBUILDINGS

Offers in the Region of £220,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Leahall Lane, Brereton,

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- MUCH IMPROVED THROUGHOUT
- FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS
- EN-SUITE AND FAMILY BATHROOM
- LOUNGE, SITTING ROOM/ BED 5
- KITCHEN/DINER
- FULL WIDTH CONSERVATORY
- DRIVEWAY

Offers in the Region of £215,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Essex Drive, Rugeley, Spacious

- SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW
- NEEDING SOME MODERNISATION
- HALL, LOUNGE, KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM
- SITTING ROOM
- GARAGE
- GARDENS

Offers in the Region of £115,000

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Lockside View, Rugeley, IDEAL

- TWO BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED
- HIGH SPEC FINISH
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN/DINER
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CANNOCK

Hednesford



Belt Road, Hednesford

£100,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached property in Cannock and is within the catchment area to Redhill Primary School. Closeby you have a train station, and other good schools and local amenities. The property comprises of an entrance to family lounge, dining room and modern fitted kitchen. Upstairs there are two generous double bedrooms and a bathroom. To the rear there is an entertainment patio area and a lawn area. Energy rating: E.

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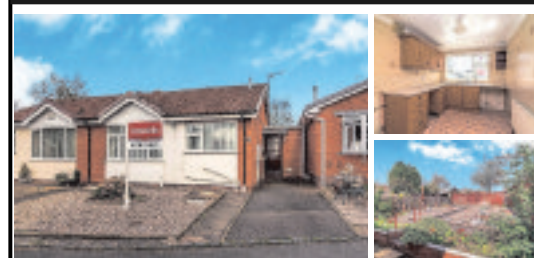


Hedgerow Close, Hednesford

£124,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented TWO bedroom house with PRIVATE PARKING in a CUL-DE-SAC location on a modern family estate in Hednesford with walking distance to Pye Green Academy. The property comprises of an entrance hall, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms both of a good size, modern fitted bathroom and conservatory. To the front there is parking for multiple cars and a large separate lawn area, to the rear there is a low maintenance garden with an entertaining patio area. Energy rating: C.

Cannock



Wordsworth Close, Cannock

£129,950

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this chain free two bedroom semi detached bungalow in Hednesford set in cul-de-sac location and ready to view now! The bungalow briefly comprises of a large entrance porch with access through further door to the rear, entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with utility points, shower room with wash hand basin and WC and two bedrooms both of a good size. Externally to the front there is parking for multiple vehicles and a separate gravel area and to the rear there is an entertaining patio area, and steps up to a further paved area and amongst are various shrubs. Energy Rating: C

Cannock



Station Court, Cannock

OITRO £135,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this two bedroom mid-terraced property located in Cannock close to a train station and Mill Green and Hawks Green Nature Reserve. The property comprises of entrance hall which is open plan to the kitchen and has doors leading to the downstairs WC and the lounge. The first floor has stairs leading up from the lounge to the landing which gives access to the bathroom and two bedrooms with the master bedroom having a fitted wardrobe. Outside to the front of the property there is a driveway providing off road parking for two cars. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area and lawned area. Energy rating: B.

Heath Hayes

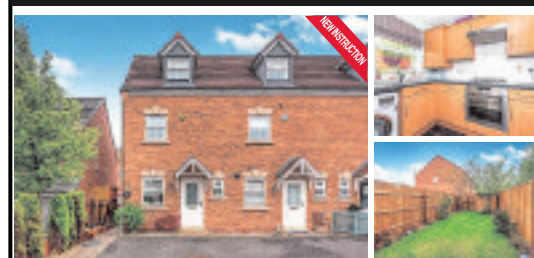


Rembrandt Close, Heath Hayes

£135,000

CUL DE SAC, HEATH HAYES, NEAR TO GORSEMOOR AND FIVE WAYS PRIMARY. This two double bedroom End-Terraced with parking is ready to view via CONNELLS today! The property comprises of entrance hall which gives access to the kitchen and lounge, the lounge has stairs to first floor and access to the conservatory. The first floor comprises of landing with access to the bathroom and two bedrooms with one of the bedrooms having a built in wardrobe. Outside to the front of the property there is a driveway providing off road parking and gated access to rear. To the rear of the property there is a lawned area leading to a graveled area with various shrubs and bushes. Energy rating: C.

Heath Hayes

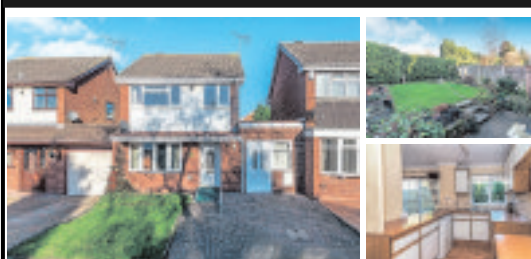


Purcell Close, Heath Hayes

£165,000

"A WONDERFUL MODERN DETACHED HOME WITH A FANTASTIC LAYOUT SITUATED ON A POPULAR MODERN ESTATE IN A CUL DE SAC LOCATION" The property comprises of an entrance hall, downstairs WC, family lounge with french doors out on to the entertaining patio area, modern fitted kitchen. The first floor comprises of landing with door into modern fitted bathroom and two bedrooms both of a good size, from the first floor there are stairs up to the second floor where there is a master bedroom, built in wardrobes, skylights, and door to en suite with shower, wash hand basin and WC. Energy rating: C.

Norton Canes



Hussey Road, Norton Canes

£172,250

This large four bedroom link-detached property in the popular area of Norton Canes. Internally, the property briefly comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, kitchen/diner with pantry cupboard and converted downstairs bedroom and downstairs wet room. The rear has a patio area and fenced lawn area.

Cannock



Moreton Street, Cannock

£190,000

Connells Estate agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock, close to Redhill Primary School. The property comprises of entrance porch leading into a hall which gives access to the WC and the lounge. The lounge leads onto a further hallway which gives access to the kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms with bedroom 1 leading onto the conservatory. To the front of the property there is a large driveway with a small lawned area, gated access to the garage and side gated access to the rear. To the rear of the property there is a large lawned area with various trees and shrubs. Energy rating: C.

BUNGALOW



Victoria Street, Cannock

£215,000

Must be viewed to be appreciated. Connells are pleased to market this three bedroomed detached Bungalow comprising of Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, bathroom, Double Glazing and Central Heating where specified. Car Port, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: C.

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Great Wyrley



Johns Lane, Great Wyrley

£215,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached house, located in Great Wyrley with easy access to Moat Hall Primary School and Great Wyrley High School. The property comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, rear garden and garage. Energy rating: D

Hednesford



Bond Way, Hednesford

£235,000

An exciting opportunity has presented itself in Hednesford via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS.. SET ON A CORNER PLOT & BOASTING A LARGE SEPERATE DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear side, this beautifully presented FOUR bedroom family home is a must view to fully appreciate! The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge with gas fireplace, stairs to first floor and being open plan with the sitting area which has patio door to rear garden, the fitted kitchen has a range of wall and base units with a double glazed window looking over the rear garden and access to the dining area. On the first floor there is a landing with access to an airing cupboard, bathroom and four bedrooms - with the master bedroom having en-suite. Outside to the front there is a lawned garden and driveway providing off road parking. To the rear there is a large decking area and a lawned area. The property also has a DOUBLE GARAGE. Energy rating: E.

Heath Hayes



Hayes Way, Heath Hayes

£245,000

Connells are pleased to market this four bedroom detached house, located in Heath Hayes close to Five Ways Primary School and bus routes into Cannock and Lichfield. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, off road parking and front and rear gardens. Energy rating: awaited.

NO CHAIN - REDUCED TO SELL



Condor Grove, Heath Hayes

£255,000

Internal inspection is highly recommended on this tastefully decorated, well maintained detached family residence, set in a corner plot of a cul-de-sac the property comprises of entrance porch to hall, lounge, dining area, study, kitchen, utility, conservatory, guest cloaks, four bedrooms and family bathroom, private attractive rear gardens and to the front is ample off road parking with gardens and garage. Energy Rating: D.

REDUCED



Pagets Chase, Cannock Wood

£260,000

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this delightful modern family home in a cul-de-sac location near to Cannock Wood in Prospect Village, with great entertaining space and generous living accommodation throughout. This four bedroom detached property commanding an impressive position makes it really a must view to fully appreciate. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC with basin, significantly large family lounge, dining room, conservatory, modern fitted kitchen diner with access into the garage. On the first floor there is a family bathroom with basin, WC and bath and four bedrooms with the master benefiting from having its very own en-suite. To the front the property provides off road parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is an entertaining patio area with steps up on to the lawn area and amongst various shrubs. Energy Rating: E.

Cannock



Bideford Way, Cannock

£275,000

NEW BUILD This THREE BEDROOM detached bungalow has been finished to a very high standard and offers a large driveway leading to an entrance porch, hall, three bedrooms with master en-suite, additional bathroom and a lounge which is partly open plan into the kitchen. Located within walking distance to Cannock and near main bus routes this bungalow is offered with NO CHAIN and a low maintenance garden. This new property is ideal for those that want to own a low maintenance but good sized property.

Heath Hayes

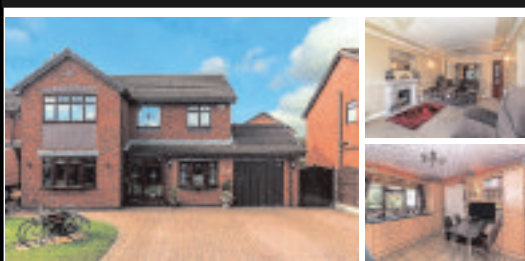


Horseshoe Drive, Heath Hayes

£280,000

ELEGANT, EXTENSIVE & CHARMING ARE JUST A SELECTION OF WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THIS FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Situated in the popular area of Wimblebury in Cannock this property is available to view today via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, family lounge, dining room/slug room, large modern family kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, conservatory, internal door into garage, downstairs WC. On the first floor there is a family bathroom, four double bedrooms with the second and third benefiting from having a JACK & JILL shower room and the master benefiting from having an EN-SUITE. Externally there is parking to the front for multiple cars and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and a separate garden amongst various shrubs and trees and side access to the front of the property. EPC: C

Cheslyn Hay



Oakdene Close, Cheslyn Hay

£370,000

Connells Estate Agents are excited to have for sale this exquisite and superbly presented four bedroom detached property located in the popular village of Cheslyn Hay. The property comprises of entrance porch, leading into a hallway with stairs to the first floor, doors into the study and lounge and being open plan into the kitchen. The kitchen and lounge have doors into the dining room which leads onto a conservatory, there is a utility room which is accessed via the kitchen and leads into the downstairs WC, the study has a door leading to the garage. On the first floor there is a landing with doors into the airing cupboard, bathroom and four bedrooms with the master bedroom having access to an en-suite and fitted wardrobe. Outside the property to the front there is a driveway providing off road parking and a lawned area. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area with a lawned area and additional patio area. Energy rating: D.

Shoal Hill



New Penkridge Road, Shoal Hill

£525,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached house located in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance hall with stairs to first floor and doors into the lounge, fitted kitchen / diner and dining room, the fitted kitchen leads into a further hall which gives access to the utility room, garage and rear garden. On the first floor there is a landing with doors to the airing cupboard, shower room and four bedrooms, three of which have fitted wardrobes and the master bedroom has an en-suite and separate dressing area. Outside to the front of the property there is drive way providing off road parking, a lawned area and gated access to rear. To the rear of the property there is a lawned area with a featured patio area. Energy rating: awaited.



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Street Lane, Cheslyn Hay

- Stunning Executive Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Living Kitchen
- Large Garage

- Two Reception Room
- Master with Ensuite & Dressing Room

£495,000



Walsall Road, Great Wyrley

- Exquisite Improved Residence
- Stunning Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Immense Charm & Character



- Every Conceivable Luxury
- Extensive Plot Swimming Pool
- EPC - D Viewing Imperative

£465,000



Hatherton Croft, Cannock

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Prestigious Location
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Accommodation



- Comprehensively Improved
- EPC - (tbc) Viewing Essential

£375,000



Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley

- Executive Detached Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Refurbished Kitchen & Utility
- Large Conservatory

- Detached Double Garage
- En-suite & Bathroom
- Corner Plot
- No Upward Chain

Offers Over £325,000



Albren House, Weaton Aston

- Detached Family Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Utility & Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen



- Study & Cloak Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Popular Village Location

Price On Application



Strathmore Place, Cannock

- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- Desirable Location
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen



- Comprehensively Improved
- Call Now For A Viewing
- Spacious Accommodation
- No Chain

£300,000



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Large Living/Dining Room
- Master Bedroom & Ensuite

- Family Bathroom
- Fully Refurbished
- Stunning Kitchen

£275,000



Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

- Idyllic Family Home
- Charming Accommodation
- Stunning Kitchen & Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms



- Gardens, Drive & Garage
- (EPC - D)
- Close To Town Centre
- Corner Plot

£255,000



Newlands Lane, Heath Hayes

- Charming Family Residence
- Superb Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory



- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Landscaped Garden
- Must Be Viewed

£250,000



Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Shower Room
- Dining Room, Lounge
- Study, Conservatory

- Kitchen, Utility
- (EPC - F)

£205,000



John Street, Cannock

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Living Room & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen & Utility Room
- Large Detached Garage



- In and Out Driveway
- South Aspect Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£180,000



Stafford Street, Heath Hayes

- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Fully Refurbished
- Two Reception Rooms



- Stunning Kitchen & Utility
- No Chain Involved

£175,500



Foxes Rake, Cannock

- Modern Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Drive & Attractive Gardens
- Popular Cul-de-sac Location
- (EPC - D)

£150,000



Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Small Cul-de-sac

£129,950



Lichfield Road, Stafford

- Spacious Three Storey Home
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating F
- Three Reception Rooms
- Large Rear Garden



£99,950



Lomax Road, Hednesford

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Refurbished Accommodation
- Delightful Open Aspect
- Periphery of Cannock Chase
- FTB, Investment, Retirement

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Mosswood Street, Cannock

- Semi-Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas C/H, Alarm, Dble Glazed
- Generous Gardens & Drive
- EPC - E No Chain

£126,950



Belt Road, Hednesford

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- IDEAL BUY TO LET

£120,000



Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Ground Floor Flat
- One Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- No Chain Involved
- Ideal First Time Buy

Offers Over £75,000



Woodford End, Chadswood

- BTL INVESTMENT
- Modern Style Apartment
- Ground Floor, One Bedroom
- Well Presented
- Communal Parking
- Energy Rating C

£64,950

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Hatherton Road, Cannock

- Exquisite Family Residence
- Envious Location
- Stunning Accommodation
- Four Bedrooms,

- En-suite, Annex
- EPC - D Competitively Priced

£375,000



Eccleshall Road, Stafford

- New Build Executive Home
- Finished To High Spec
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom

- Spacious Living Room
- Open Plan Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Easy Access To M6/A34

£335,000



Gloucester Way, Heath Hayes

- Extended Detached Home
- Comprehensively Improved
- Stunning Open Plan Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms

- 2 En-Suites
- Corner Plot with Open Aspect
- EPC - D
- Viewing Essential

£328,500



Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Two Ensuite Shower Rooms
- Modern Kitchen/Diner

- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage

£299,950



Bideford Way, Cannock

- Stunning Family Home
- Five Large Bedrooms
- Immaculate Kitchen
- Ensuite & Bathroom

- Large L-Shape Garden
- Popular Residential Area
- Must Be Viewed

£289,950



Colliers Way, Huntington

- Large Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites & Bathroom
- Stylish Kitchen/Diner

- Close To Cannock Chase
- Driveway and Garage
- Must Be Viewed

£279,950



Gloucester Way, Heath Hayes

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Ensuite & Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Utility & Guest WC

- Stylish Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Well Presented
- Popular Area

£250,000



Gorsemoor Road, Heath Hayes

- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Breakfast Kitchen

- Utility & Guest WC
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Well Presented
- Popular Area

£249,950



Short Street, Cannock

- Delightful Detached Home
- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot

- Gas C/H & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Essential

£220,000



Tudor Road, Hednesford

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Delightful Accommodation
- Comprehensively Refurbished
- Two Bedrooms

- No Chain Involved
- Garage, Landscaped Garden
- EPC - D Viewing Essential

£164,950



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Close To Cannock Town
- Large Rear Garden
- Lounge & Conservatory

- Kitchen Diner
- Garage

£155,000

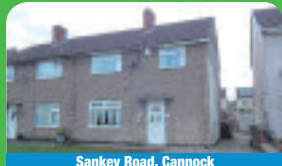


Van Gogh Close, Heath Hayes

- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms

- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden

£140,000



Sankey Road, Cannock

- Buy To Let Buyers Only
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing
- No Chain Involved

£110,000



Broadway, Hednesford

- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Shower Room
- Driveway
- No Chain Involved

£105,000



Foxes Rake, Cannock.

- Lounge With Feature Fire Place
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking


£650 pcm



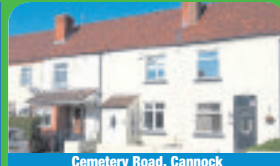
New Penkridge Court, Cannock

- First floor apartment
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- Kitchen with cooker and hob
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Cemetery Road, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Large Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Ideal First Time Buy

£104,950



Huntington Terrace Road, Cannock

- Two Bed Bungalow
- Large Living Room
- Kitchen Diner
- Large Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating offers over £100,000



Barwick Drive, Cannock.

- Reception Hall With wc
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge With Feature Fireplace
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

£595 pcm



Farm Close, Hednesford.

- End Terrace House
- Lounge With Feature Fireplace
- Fully Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking

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£165,000

NEW

Burntwood



Robinson Road

A well presented three bedroom detached property, GCH, DG, entrance porch, hallway, downstairs cloakroom, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, dining room, re-fitted bathroom, conservatory, tandem garage, ORP, no chain.

£169,950

NEW

Chase Terrace



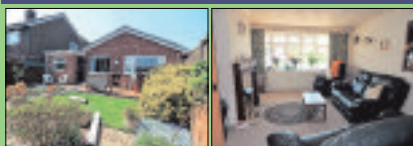
School Lane

A beautifully presented four bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, hallway, fitted dining kitchen, spacious lounge, dining room, guest cloakroom, en-suite to master, master bedroom with dressing area, fore & rear gardens, OFP, garage.

£269,950

NEW

Chase Terrace



Rugeley Road

A three bedroom link-detached bungalow, GCH, DG, hallway, fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, bathroom, garage, ample ORP, enclosed rear garden

£184,950

NEW

Chase Terrace



Lulworth Road

- A pleasantly appointed extended three bedroom semi-detached family home
- GCH, DG, hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage and fore & rear gardens

£160,000

NEW

Chase Terrace



Fives Grove

- A beautifully presented and modern two bedroom end of terraced home. GCH, DG, hallway, spacious lounge, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, parking and fore & rear gardens.

£145,000

NEW

Burntwood



Glenmore Avenue

- A three bedroom end of terraced property which is in need of full modernisation. Kitchen, lounge, bathroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, superb investment opportunity.

£95,000

NO CHAIN

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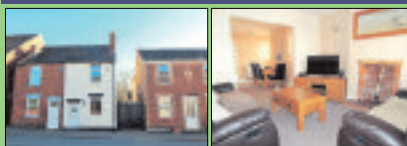
Oakdene Road

An extended four bedroom link semi-detached property, GCH, DG, Hallway, Fitted kitchen, Dining room, Lounge, Four bedrooms, Fitted bathroom, Fore & rear gardens.

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NEW

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Princess Street

A two bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG, recent cosmetic improvements, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, two double bedrooms, rear garden ORP.

£124,000

NO CHAIN

Chase Terrace



Hollygrove Lane

- A beautifully maintained and spacious 2 bedroom link detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall, spacious lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, garage & parking.

£189,000

FIVE BEDS

Brownhills



Hednesford Road

A well presented five bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs W.C, master with en-suite, bathroom, front & rear garden, garage.

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GARDEN

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Californian Grove

- A beautifully presented freehold two bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, fore & rear gardens, garage and ample

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SOLD

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Queen Street

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£154,950

NO CHAIN

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Park Road

- A delightful two double bedroom link-detached extended bungalow. GCH, DG, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, re-fitted bathroom, utility, garage, conservatory, fore & rear gardens & parking.

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GUEST W.C

Burntwood



Avon Road

- A beautifully presented 3 bedroom mid terraced home. GCH, DG, porch, hall, guest W.C, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, shower room, rear garden, garage • off road parking.

£132,500

NO CHAIN

Burntwood



Church Walk

- A three storey, four bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, w.c, kitchen/diner, lounge/diner, utility, four bedrooms, family bathroom, en-suite, garage, parking and gardens.

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Van show full of promise

By Sharon Walters

VanExperience Live 2016, the ultimate test drive from Mercedes-Benz Vans, is now officially open for registration from all interested van operators to come to the UK's largest event of its kind, via www.MBVans.co.uk/VEL

Open for all van operators, VanExperience Live promises to be bigger than ever before, with more than 2,500 van operators expected to arrive. Taking place at Millbrook Proving Ground in Bedfordshire across 10 week days from 20 June to 1 July 2016, VanExperience Live is now celebrating its 13th year.

There will be three main hands-on demonstration areas to help guests assess how Mercedes-Benz vans perform in all areas:

- Drive It – A full range drive to experience the entire product line-up from Mercedes-Benz Vans, and compare them directly with competitor test vehicles
- Test It – A challenging off-road course to show the skills of the Sprinter 4x4 and 6x6 vehicles
- Trust It – A safety-focused activity, including handling on the all-new wet grip experience

Steve Bridge, managing director of Mercedes-Benz Vans, said: "This is the first time in the event's 13-year history that we are opening up the doors of VanExperience Live to all van operators, to really help them to make their minds up when it comes to assessing their next vehicle purchase – the feedback we receive each year proves the format is the best in the industry. We know how important vans are to our guests, and appreciate that many who attend aren't 'van drivers' – they are people who use a van to deliver goods or services, so it is our promise to provide as much support as possible to these UK businesses, enabling them to focus on delivering their customers great



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service without having to worry about their van. I look forward to seeing many van operators there – from a one-van business, through to some of the biggest fleets in the UK."

With experts available throughout the event to answer any questions, guests can use their time at VanExperience Live to fully understand the range of products and services offered by Mercedes-Benz Vans and how Mercedes-Benz Vans can support their business, including: MobiloVan free roadside assistance; Accessories to

personalise any Mercedes-Benz van; GenuineParts and their importance; and the Star Expert team will be on-hand to answer any van-related queries, including product, industry and legislative questions.

A complete display of vehicles will also be available to access, including vans from more than 30 body builder and conversion exhibitors to show how adaptable a van can be.

In addition, guests will have access to all areas of the business, including Management, as the entire Mercedes-Benz Vans



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Top tips when buying used cars

Buying a used car can be a daunting prospect; from mileage and maintenance to faults and some unscrupulous car dealers, it is a great challenge, particularly if you don't know what you're looking for under the bonnet.

Haynes, the world's leading publisher of automotive repair manuals, is therefore urging motorists to save some cash by bagging that second-hand bargain whilst ensuring they avoid any nasty surprises down the line.

1. Do your homework: Before looking at any cars for sale draw up a short-list of suitable models and consider all the things that are important to you. Will it have enough power? Is fuel economy important? Is it easy to maintain and work on? The internet can be a useful source of information to find out how reliable a particular model is.

2. Don't go alone: If possible, take a knowledgeable friend or family member with you to see the car, or someone as a witness to any claims or promises being made by the seller. If you're buying privately, don't agree to meet halfway – always go to the seller's home and check the address is the same as shown on the V5C registration document.

3. Arrive early: Whether at a showroom or on a driveway, an unscrupulous seller may warm the engine up before you arrive to hide any faults from a cold start, so make sure you check the engine is cold before a road test.

4. Don't be dazzled by the shiny paintwork: Try to detach yourself from the buying process; it's surprising how many people decide to buy within the first couple of minutes. Think of it as though you are buying it for somebody else and check the detail before making a decision.

5. Have a good look around: If the car is parked in a restricted space move it out into good light before inspecting it. Inspect the car's paintwork to see if it varies from panel to panel, check if the condition of the interior is consistent with the



mileage and check the carpets aren't damp. Also check that the stereo, Sat Nav, if applicable, and other features such as electric windows are in working order.

6. Get your hands dirty: Even if you are not mechanically inclined, there are checks you can do. When looking under the bonnet, pull out the engine oil dipstick and check the level to see if it's low or dirty.

Check for any significant oil or fluid leaks, loose or corroded battery terminals and ensure the cooling system antifreeze and brake fluid level are correct.

7. Road test: Listen for any abnormal noises and check the operation of all controls. Don't forget to check the heater in the middle of summer or the air conditioning, if fitted, in winter. Remember, when driving, don't abuse it; it's not your car yet and it may have been the seller's pride and

joy, and you are just as likely to find faults at low speeds as you are driving at higher speeds.

8. Check the paperwork: Ask to see all the paperwork and take your time to look through all the invoices and any service history. If servicing has been carried out by the owner, question what tasks were carried out and when.

This information can be found in the Haynes manual. The MOT history can be checked online for free, and any outstanding finance, if applicable, can be checked for a small fee.

9. Check the Vehicle Identification Number: This should be the same on both the registration documents and the car. Make sure you check for evidence of tampering with the number.

10. Finally, be prepared to walk away: Even if all the boxes are ticked, if it doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and don't be pushed into something you may regret.

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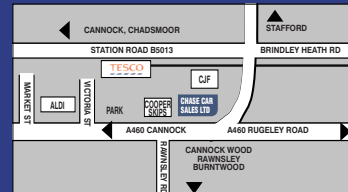
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Audi SUV RS Q3 is number 1 in its field

By John Griffiths

The SUV, or sports utility vehicle, is something of a phenomenon, driving car sales across the world to dizzying new heights.

They've been around for years, of course, but what was once the reserve of farmers and foresters is now mass market transport – particularly the latest 'compact' variety.

Off-road prowess has, in most cases, given way to a style of car with tall, SUV looks but which is often two-wheel drive only and is aimed at drivers who won't ever venture into the wild.

In the last few years virtually every manufacturer has brought a new compact SUV to the market and yet buyers don't seem to be spoiled for choice: sales were up across the board by a whole 25 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

Now Audi has raised the bar with a new, high performance version of its Q3 crossover, bearing the iconic RS badge which has denoted the ultimate model in the range for the past 25 years.

To be precise, it's the RS Q3 Performance 2.5 TFSI: a long name which perhaps goes some way to justifying its £47,850 price tag.

That and the fact that it could fairly be described as the ultimate compact SUV, a car which sneers at hot hatchbacks and would give supercars costing two, three or four times as much a run for their money.

The price isn't the only number which impresses: 367Ps of power, 465Nm of torque, 0 to 62mph in 4.4 seconds and a top speed electronically limited to 155mph.

It's a bit of a beast, but a comparatively tame one which is remarkably civilised to drive – especially if like me your old enough to remember 'hot' cars of yesteryear which were noisy, possessed few creature comforts and had suspension hard enough to loosen your fillings over a typical British B-road.

Refined

While its interior dimensions are not too dissimilar from its cousin the Golf, it is smooth and refined, and the most luxuriously equipped of the Q3 range.

Press the accelerator a little harder, for example for a quick overtake (and believe me, they're quick!) and you will be conscious of the sonorous exhaust growl from the 2.5 litre, five cylinder turbocharged engine.

But in normal cruise mode, the engine has such a surfeit of power in reserve it's barely breathing heavily: it would be easy to forget the potency under your right foot. The seven-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission is particularly responsive and you'll rarely if ever feel the need to flick it over into manual mode.

It's braking power is impressive, too, with huge 365mm ventilated 'wave' discs and eight piston calipers hiding behind the 20-inch alloy wheels.

A new, bespoke sports suspension system and variable electric power steering (with 2.7 turns from lock to lock) means the Q3 is as agile as a lowered high performance hatchback, with a quick turn-in and excellent road holding.

The Performance model does sit 25mm lower than a standard Q3, which would reduce its off-road potential: but that's not, of course its intended domain and the well-proven quattro four wheel drive system is there to give you traction and grip, controlling the power in a variety of road conditions.

This model can be readily identified by various RS styling touches (and of course badges), and aerodynamic features such as the rear diffuser, RS rear spoiler, special bumpers with larger air intakes, side flaps and a funnel-shaped front splitter.

The interior is kitted out in the premium car bracket, with heated and electrically adjustable front seats in soft alcantara and leather, multi-function sports steering wheel, sporty aluminium pedals, high quality trim, privacy glass in the rear, a premium, ten-speaker audio system, central control screen with satellite navigation, dual zone climate control, cruise control, and parking sensors at the front and rear.

The car, like its lower-powered siblings, will accommodate five adults and there's a fairly generous 356 litres of boot space (1,261 litres if you fold the rear seats down).

Running costs for a high performance car aren't bargain basement, but on official figures the RS Q3

Performance is capable of averaging just over 32mpg, with a CO2 rating of 203g/km.

No-one expects the RS Performance to be the biggest seller in the Q3 range – no flagship model is – but it has the distinctive looks to set it apart from the mass of crossover models on our roads.

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Vauxhall Motors' 113 years of history will be laid bare next month as its ever-popular Heritage Centre Open Day is confirmed for 2016.

On Sunday, June 12 Vauxhall's 73-strong collection of vehicles, covering every decade since the company started building cars in 1903, will be open for families and enthusiasts to explore. And best of all, admission

is free. At this year's event Vauxhall will be marking two anniversaries: 50 years since the first Viva HB drove off Ellesmere Port's production line, and 30 years since the last Bedford commercial vehicle was manufactured.

Supporting this, an early SL-model HB will be on display, as well as two CVs that bookended Bedford production: a 1931 2-ton truck and two CFs – a one-off electric model, and a near concours production panel van.

Two new additions to the collection will also be on show. Completing a set of the first five sporting Astras is a 2009 VXR Nürburgring, which will join our two GTEs, Mk. 3 GSi and Mk. 4 888 Coupe.

And at the opposite end of the spectrum, a 1949 Wyvern L-type also makes its debut at the Open Day. This car – the only left-hooker in the collection – makes a welcome return to the town of its birth after 67 years pounding the roads of Portugal and Holland.

The breadth and quality of Vauxhall's

Heritage Collection is near-unique, with most of the cars roadworthy and maintained by a small team, led by Andy Boddy, senior vehicle restorer.

A majority of the cars were also built in Luton, at the famous Kimpton Road plant. Vauxhall's Heritage Centre Open Day will run from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day, and parking is free.

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Skoda is simply Superb

By John Griffiths

In this cynical world of ours, you have to admire Skoda's confidence in naming its flagship model the Superb.

It was particularly brave in 2001 when the car was first introduced, at a time when the company was just starting to build its now enviable reputation for quality and value.

But it wasn't only a statement of intent or ambition, it also harked back to a luxurious Skoda of the 1930s designed to carry heads of state in the manner to which they were accustomed. Twin themes of comfort and refinement mark out today's Superb, too, but with prices from £18,400 and the latest range of highly efficient engines it's likely to be mainly business users and families who are today's kings of the road.

Where the Superb really earns its name is in terms of space. This multi-award winner is based on a stretched VW Passat platform. It's hard to think of better in terms of rear legroom and cargo space in a family car.

In fact it affords more space than premium brand executive cars at two or three times the price, and cheaper run than many family saloons and hatchbacks.

The test car was the most economical of the Superb family, the £20,900 Greenline, powered by the Audi VW Group's latest 1.6-litre turbo diesel. It's tuned for economy and keeping your tax bills down, but if you want sharper performance there is a range of turbocharged petrol and diesel engines including a mighty 280Ps option (the same engine which powers the racy Seat Leon Cupra).

Progress in the 120PS, 1.6-litre diesel is naturally a little more sedate (0 to 62mph in 11 seconds) but its purpose is to be kinder to your pocket. Official tests credit it with 76.3mpg: in

my time with the car in real world conditions it managed a still impressive 58mpg, and on one open road excursion hit 64mpg. Its CO2 rating is 95g/km, so there's no road tax to pay, and the Benefit in Kind tax rate for business users is a low 17 per cent. Insurance is group 13E.

This new generation Superb is sharper and bolder in its styling, even sporty-looking with its short front overhangs, low nose, wide meshed air intakes and angular lights.

The interior is a place to sit back and relax, particularly if you're in the rear seats where you can stretch out with masses of legroom (actually twice that of some of its big-selling competitors). The ambience is enhanced by the low noise levels and supple ride.

The driver, of course, has a multi-function steering wheel but thankfully it's simple and intuitive to use (because you don't need to spend hours pouring over the manual to make sense of it). The cruise control switch on the column allows you to control its various functions with just one finger.

A nice, clear driver information display between the speedo and rev counter keeps you up to date with a wide range of functions, and there's an even more comprehensive touch-screen system atop the centre console. And there's even a constantly updated green bar chart if you want to monitor how environmentally friendly your driving is.

This screen, of course, is effectively a computer, also controlling and monitoring the navigation, audio, hands-free phone and traffic information, among others, and can be accessed from your mobile phone with a suitable app – useful perhaps if you're sitting in the office and have forgotten your business mileage.

It also means even those in the back can control the infotainment system (which may cause a little friction if they're teenagers!).

Some of the many technical systems help to take the workload off the driver, too. The electronic handbrake works better than some



rivals, easing off smoothly as you let out the clutch and applying itself automatically when you stop the engine. That's useful with a fuel-saving stop/start system.

The adaptive cruise control system is effective and particularly smooth, too, maintaining your distance from the car in front without drama as traffic speeds ebb and flow. In fact, it was while trying out this system, set at 55mph on a rural A-road, that I achieved my best economy figure (or perhaps that says more about my driving style).

Add to that a dual-zone air conditioning system (with separate outlets for the rear) and a premium audio system and you have the right ingredients for the consummate cruiser.

Whether you're carrying business samples or the family's luggage on a holiday trip, you'll be glad of the class-leading 625 litres of boot space (1,760 litres with rear seats down). The estate, costs an extra £1,200, has even more space – nearly 2,000 litres.

The ride is compliant and, well-damped but sufficiently resistant to cornering forces to allow you to exploit the car's agility on twisty roads. Steering provides plenty of feedback, brakes are powerful and the slick, six-speed manual gearbox is a pleasure.

There is a multitude of engine, transmission and specification choices in a range which starts with the acclaimed 125PS, turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engine up to the 280bhp petrol

turbo in the highest trim level, 'Laurin & Klement, with four-wheel drive and DSG transmission at £34,505. The same car powered by the top-rated 190PS turbo diesel is £850 less.

All Superbs have seven airbags as standard, and there is a long list of technical safety features.

With its range of prices, engines and specifications, the 2016 Superb is very much a car for all reasons.

The Greenline version tested is a clear option for the fleet user because of its low running costs and tax rates. At nearly £21,000 it's hardly bargain basement, but when you look at the competition it's hard to think where you'd get so much car for the money.

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Fiat back in fight for sales with Tipo

By Ian Donaldson

IN 1989 Kia and Hyundai were selling modest numbers of cars on the strength of a low price and decently full equipment levels.

That year Fiat was celebrating the crowning of its Tipo as European Car of the Year and the future for this family-sized hatch looked rosy. The successor would surely be better still.

But it never happened. In the 27 years since then the Italian car giant shrunk its range so the tiny 500 now makes the money and Kia and Hyundai no longer make cheap cars, selling instead on value for money.

But now – roll of drums – the next Tipo has arrived and it's built in Turkey to keep costs down and is coming to the UK in September, starting at £12,995 and looking to take on the likes of Kia and Hyundai by costing less and offering more. How about that for table turning.

At the world press launch of the car – ironically in an empty factory in Turin that once made Fiat diesel engines – there was no lack of marketing hype (there never is), promising us that the Tipo is the best value for money on the market.

We shall see, but first signs are promising. It drives like a dearer car, looks smart in a modern mid-European way and comes well kitted out for the money.

But so does the Hyundai i30, to pluck one obvious competitor from the back of your favourite car magazine.

In mainland Europe, where a saloon version of the Tipo has been on sale for a while, they've sold more than 22,000 of them already, helped by a starting price in Spain of £10,200 (even less after a scrappage scheme for old cars, remember that?).

But back to the Tipo in the metal, where we discover a car genuinely spacious enough for a six-footer to sit comfortably behind himself and boots that range from big in the hatch to enormous in the estate. Both are best in class, says Fiat.

We won't be seeing the saloon in the UK because nobody buys them at this end of the market, reserving obvious boots for bigger more prestigious machines with German or Jaguar badges.

Fewer private buyers are going for hatches or estates either, being lured into SUVs instead, but there are evidently enough loyal hatchers to persuade Fiat to invest millions of euros to reenter the market.

In the UK we will have three grades of trim – names to be decided – with even the entry level having standard kit that includes air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, six airbags, DAB radio, Bluetooth and steering wheel remote controls.

The Station Wagon adds £1,000 to the bill as well as roof bars and electric rear windows.

A good sat nav system is a reasonable £500 extra with either body shape.

Move up a trim level (for £1,000) and sat nav drops to £250 because a touch screen infotainment system comes as standard anyway, along with alloy wheels, parking sensors and cruise control.

Another £1,000 (spot the easily grasped 'price walks?') brings us to the top grade, with an increased goodies' count that includes sat nav with traffic service, bigger alloys, rear view camera, auto lights and wipers and climate control.

We will be offered five engines, three petrol (two 1.4s and a 1.6 litres) and a pair of diesels, 1.3 and 1.6 litres, with this smelly fuel duo likely to be the bigger sellers in the UK.

Two different automatic gearboxes are offered, depending on your engine choice, and a decently precise manual six-speed comes as standard.

The more powerful, 120 horsepower diesel (£17,995 in top hatch trim), pulls well and is quiet from start-up, which is far from common.

It also showed 49mpg after an 'honest' test route with steep hills, lots of hairpins and lots of stop/start town work. So, it's not going to cost a fortune to run.

The Tipo rides well too, with a firmly controlled feel and you can detect the special attention Fiat has given the steering, which remains feelsome and pleasantly direct. As ever with the brand, a button makes it lighter for city work, but, as ever, seems redundant.

Jumping into a 1.6 110 horsepower petrol (£16,995 in hatch mid-trim level) the extra eagerness of the engine to rev was a spur to enjoy the scenic and mildly demanding test route, where the car was a lively, willing companion. It showed 36mpg on the clear trip computer, part of a easily read dash that comes complete with big digital speed readout.

Finally, some random details of the newcomer: it has multiple storage compartments scattered round the cabin, the estate will take an object 1.8 metres long, thanks to a body stretched 20cms over the hatch, the rear seats flop forward easily but leave a load floor that is not completely flat... and you can keep up with world news from Reuters in mid range models and above, thanks to a smartphone app.

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Upgrades for Toyota's UK-built models in time for summer

By Michael Weston

Toyota's British-built models benefit from some new features for 2016 with improvements to the Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system, retuned hybrid powertrain performance for Auris, and new colour choices.

For Avensis, these changes cap a successful first year on sale, during which time it has proved itself an attractive proposition for both private and fleet/business customers in Europe, offering prestigious, dynamic styling, rich sensory quality inside and out and, thanks to precision chassis and steering engineering, a rewarding experience behind the wheel.

Performance

Customers are appreciating the benefits of the improved CO2 performance across the range of powertrains, including the new 1.6 and 2.0-litre Euro 6-compliant diesels, performance that attracts significant tax benefits in the UK and several other European markets, strengthening the car's cost of ownership profile.

The Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system has been upgraded to the latest 2016 specification, which was unveiled at this year's Geneva motor show.

The centrally mounted seven-inch touchscreen now offers revised menu pages for accessing the system's functions and, where the Toyota Touch 2 with Go is installed, for satellite navigation operation.

Access to the My Toyota online customer portal has also been improved.

Toyota Touch 2 with Go has been repackaged as single navigation offering for Auris and Avensis, supplied as standard with three years of free map updates and connection to online services.

The on-board connectivity gives easy access to live information services for fuel prices, weather, parking and traffic conditions local to programmed routes, helping with easier and more efficient journey planning.

Apps

It also enables use of online information, entertainment and social media apps from Google Search, Google Street-view, Aupoe!, Aha and Twitter.

The Auris Hybrid hatchback and Touring Sports wagon are Europe's best-selling hybrid models.

Their driver appeal has been increased with powertrain retuning that delivers an improved, natural driving experience with no compromise in the cars' highly efficient performance.

Toyota's engineers have secured a closer alignment between the increase in engine and vehicle speeds, creating a more linear acceleration feel as the driver applies the throttle.

Ensuring Toyota's line-up keeps on-trend, a new Platinum Bronze metallic paint option has been introduced for Avensis and Auris.

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Doubters wrong as sales grow up and up

By Graham Breeze

Earlier this year sales of the Vauxhall Mokka crashed through the half million target across Europe and sales continue to grow.

It's been three years since the Luton-based company released the Mokka into the highly competitive SUV sector with doubters questioning the timing.

But the suits at Vauxhall have every right to celebrate now with sales still on the up and awards across Europe including an "All-Wheel Drive Car of the Year" prize and a "Company Car of the Year" honour.

There have been many changes since the 2013 when the target audience was probably a lot younger than today, with the 1.6 CDTi (110ps) Ecoflex test car clearly aimed at those with economical motoring high on their wish list.

And of course Mokka owners are now fully connected with the personal connectivity and service assistant OnStar, which offers extensive services at the push of a button – that is of course unless you live in an area where there is no signal.

OnStar has become a major selling point for Vauxhall with advertising campaigns being thrust at us on all TV channels and it provides a wide range of services ranging from automatic crashresponse and roadside assistance to remote vehicle diagnostics via the myVauxhall smartphone app or a powerful 4G/LTE Wi-Fi hotspot for up to seven devices.

If you are looking for a comfortable and robust SUV with a price tag that will not immediately send you running for the forecourt exit, the Mokka is certainly worth a closer look, particularly this model, which leaves the garage for £18,614.

Outwardly the Mokka is an impressive looking car, standing on silver-effect 17inch alloy wheels, while inside there is enough room for five with a useful boot space of 356 litres – easily passing the golf clubs test.

Up front there's plenty of comfort for the driver and passenger and while everything is at your fingertips the dash is a little cluttered – it's a difficult choice these days between containing everything within the touchscreen system or the more traditional layout. Vauxhall seem to have gone for a halfway house.

On the road the Mokka is comfortable enough but you are reminded that this is an SUV if you forget yourself on tight bends with perhaps a little too much body-lean – but on the motorway the Vauxhall is up there with the best in sector.

This capable diesel can also be combined with intelligent all-wheel drive. The 4x4 system automatically recognises where the more traction is required and divides power to front- or rear-wheels accordingly, providing a considerable boost in safety especially in wet and slippery conditions.

It's the performance that has won this car so many accolades. With a top speed of 111mph and 0-60mph in 11.7 seconds Mokka is not the quickest but you can expect 69mpg on the combined cycle and CO2 emissions are only 109g/km. That means no tax for the first year and only £20 per year after that.

The test car was not short of standard equipment which includes Sat Nav, switchable electronic stability programme, traction control, hill start assist, anti-lock braking system, tyre pressure monitoring system, driver's and front passenger's front, side-impact and full-size curtain airbags and dual-zone electronic climate control.

You also get USB connection with iPod control, Bluetooth functionality, digital radio, steering wheel mounted audio controls, steering column adjustable for reach and rake and leather-covered steering wheel.

There's a multi-function trip computer, cruise control, 60/40 split flip and fold rear seat, remote control alarm system and central locking, automatic lighting, high beam assist, rain-sensitive windscreen wipers an anti-dazzle rear-view mirror and rear parking distance sensors. There are alloy-effect protective front skid plates, side-protection mouldings and silver-effect roof rails.

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Ann

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Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be
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Elizabeth Edna Rose

(Betty)

Passed away peacefully after
a short illness on May 7, 2016,
aged 74 years.

Betty will be sadly missed by
all her loving Family.

Funeral Service will take
place on Thursday, May 26,
2016, at Bushbury
Crematorium East Chapel, at
2.30pm.

Flowers welcome or
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have never felt love as you
gave me.

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memory.

God bless.

Keith.

X X X

Mom

Mom, you loved us, gave us
everything, taught us
everything, except how to live
without you.

Heartbroken Daughter
Wendy, Son Ian and Families.

X X X

Nan

You were simply the best.

Love, David, Timothy, Ryan
and Ella-Rose.

X X X X

FOWLER

Eric

Passed away peacefully on
Wednesday, May 4, 2016, aged
84 years.

He was much loved and will
be sadly missed by all his
Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be
held on Tuesday, May 31,
2016, 2pm, at Stafford
Crematorium.

Family Flowers only please.

Donations, if so desired for
Cancer Research.

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Dawn

Of Wimblebury.

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whilst enjoying Paris, aged
72 years

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and adored Mother to
Richard and Katie and James
and Claire.

A gentle lady who was loved
by all.

Her Funeral Service will
take place at Streety
Crematorium (West Chapel)
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donations would be
appreciated for Cancer
Research UK c/o

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HALL

Joan

Sadly passed away on
Monday, April 25, 2016, aged
95 years.

Joan was much loved and will
be missed dearly by all of her
Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be
held on Tuesday, May 24,
2016, at St Luke's Church,
Cannock, at 2pm, followed
by a Committal Service
at Bushbury Crematorium
(West Chapel).

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Air Ambulance.

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INNES

Eliza

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Saturday May 7, 2016, aged 85
years.

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and missed by all her Family
and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to take
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at 11.30am, at Stafford Crema-
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Pauline

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aged 69 years.

She was much loved and will
be sadly missed by her loving
Husband Ivan, Daughter
Kerri and Son Karl.

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held at St Marks Church,
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NEWTON

Michael James

(Mick)

Passed away peacefully with
Family at his side on May 12,
2016 aged 66 years.

He will be sadly missed by
loving Wife Sue, Son Andrew,
Daughter Sarah, Grandson
Joshua and all his Family.

Funeral service to take place
9.45am, on Tuesday, May 31,
2016 at St. Augustine's Church
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Thomas

Tom

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I thought about you yesterday
and days before that too, I
think of you in silence, I often
speak your name, all I have
are memories and your
picture in a frame.

Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part,
God has you in His keeping I
have you in my heart.

Your loving Wife Ann.

X X X

Dad and Grandad

Your life was a blessing, your
memory a treasure, you are
loved beyond words and
missed beyond measure.

Lots of love always.

Matt, Pam, Bradley and
Oliver.

X X X

Dad

Together life was bright and
gay, a parting seemed so far
away, you left a place no one
can fill, we miss you Dad and
always will.

Your loving Daughter Marie,
Kev and Lewis.

X X X

WALDRON

Margaret Elizabeth

Passed away May 7, 2016, aged
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Malcolm

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Babe.

Kay.

BOTT

Malcolm

Birthday May 23rd.
First birthday away from
home, still loved, missed and
every near.

Love, Dorothy, John and
Family.
X X X

acknowledgements

JONES

Mick

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Twins Charlotte, left, and Kathrine Whyte, from Fordhouses



Pathway manager Bob Askey



Coach Leigh Rees points the way to two young women players



Staffordshire women's batsman Alex Hale

Cricketing maidens look to stump the opposition

STAFFORDSHIRE women are padding up for a summer of high-class action alongside England's finest.

The county side had their first taste of top-flight cricket this month when they opened their ECB Women's County Championship Division One season.

Wolverhampton's Danescourt Road ground was the venue for the clash with Berkshire, who won by eight wickets.

But Staffordshire can look to build on last season's successful promotion-winning campaign as they host Yorkshire and Middlesex before the season's end in September, as well as travelling to face Kent, Warwickshire, Surrey and Sussex.

Under the watchful eye of performance and pathway manager Bob Askey and coach Leigh Rees, Staffs have made impressive progress on the field.

They set out with a five-year plan to reach the top division and achieved their aim with 12 months to spare.

Interest

And now Askey believes the chance to face the cream of English cricket will help to further lift the profile of the women's game across the county.

"Last season's promotion has helped to promote women's cricket around the county and I am sure playing at the top level will help generate more interest," he said.

"Women's cricket has always been strong in Staffordshire and we are looking to take the opportunity to grow the game further."

SPORTING FEATURE

By Nick Elwell

"Women's cricket has always been strong in Staffordshire and we are looking to take the opportunity to grow the game further."

"The key is to make the game accessible, whether it's games with a hard ball, soft ball or with an incrediball."

Askey added: "It has been a busy winter. We have run various leagues throughout the winter and some women-only coaching sessions."

"We have also got a number of festivals planned throughout the summer and will have a girls only academy this year for the first time."

And while there have been positive steps taken during the winter months, Askey is well aware of the challenges facing his squad on the field this summer.

The top players in the English game are now supported full-time by the England and Wales Cricket Board and the Staffs girls, including Fordhouses twins Charlotte and Kathryn Whyte, Wolverhampton's Alex Hale and Bloxwich's Cheryl Alcock, will be lining up against members of the England Test and one-day outfits. The national side, captained by Char-

lotte Edwards, reached the semi-finals of the recent World T20 competition – won by the West Indies – and Askey is keen to see how his troops measure up as they try to emulate Danielle Wyatt and Georgia Elwiss, both of whom progressed through the Staffs ranks and have gone on to represent their country.

"They will be playing against England stars this summer and there is no doubt it is going to be tough for them," added Askey.

"But they are a pretty resilient and determined bunch and they are looking forward to the challenge."

"Danielle Wyatt and Georgia Elwiss have both gone on to play for England and it's a great incentive for them."

Strategies

"We will be facing some great opposition and some quality players and that is what you want to be doing."

"We have been running various sessions throughout the winter and we are now focusing on various strategies that we will need."

"The level of fitness in the top division will be better and there will be a greater intensity to the games."

"The players at this level will be a lot more consistent. We will need to be more patient in our approach."

Berkshire, Kent, Middlesex, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire and Yorkshire will provide the championship opposition this summer while Staffs will lock horns with Durham, Essex, Hampshire, Somerset, Surrey, Wales and Worcestershire in the T20 competition.

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Seven-goal thriller – now wait begins

Eastwood Hanley 4 Penkridge 3
SCSL – Division 2 Play-off

PENKRIDGE face an agonising wait to find out whether they will get promotion after losing this enthralling game.

Hanley, who had won Division 2 North some weeks ago, came into the game much fresher than their opponents, who had been playing catch-up in the league while also competing on three cup fronts. With the game being played at Hanley Town FC, the local support far outweighed the travelling contingent.

Penkridge fielded the same side that had drawn with Shenstone the previous Saturday to clinch the Division 2 South title.

Despite being in the opposite divisions, the sides had met previously this season in the Division 2 cup, a game that Penkridge won 4-2.

As in that game, Hanley looked to get the ball forward early. There was just 12 minutes on the clock when Eastwood opened the scoring, through predictably it was from a set-piece as the ball from a corner got knocked back across goal, Rodgers. Ten minutes later it was 2-0, Asa Tomkinson netting a simple chance. Richie Miller pulled a calf muscle and was replaced by Ashley Turton, who forced the corner which led to Penkridge getting a goal back through Jon Hodnett.

Penkridge came out for the second half full of fire and just on the hour mark Hodnett grabbed his second. With 72 minutes on the clock, Hodnett grabbed his hat-trick to put them into the lead. But after 78 minutes Sakis powered a header in at the far post for the equaliser and four minutes later and Hanley grabbed the winner through Griffin.

Penkridge now have one game remaining – the Leek Cup Final on Monday at Ball Haye Green FC, where they play Redgate Clayton.

One goal enough to see off chance of Molineux date

Heath Hayes 0 Alvechurch 1
JW Hunt Cup quarter-final

Heath Hayes saw their chance of playing at Molineux go when they lost by a single goal to Premier League runners-up Alvechurch.

Hayes' task was made more difficult by the absence of four key players – the suspended Dunkley and Phillips and Arrowsmith and Burns who were injured – from the side that beat Lichfield 4-0 in the Staffs Senior Vase Final.

Alvechurch brought two top-drawer saves out of Mark Wiggins in the Hayes goal. At the other end Dan Scragg had Evans saving at full length.

Then a moment's lack of concentration led to the game's only goal. Scragg gave away a free kick on the halfway line, the ball was quickly knocked through to Church's ever dangerous No 9 Nadat, who gave Wiggins no chance.

The second half saw Church having more of the ball which was to be expected due to their higher ranking but over the 90 minutes, Hayes' young team put in a decent performance in front of a very healthy crowd.

Hotshot Archer pockets place in final



Ryley Archer with Judd Trump

TALENTED hot-shot Ryley Archer marked his debut season in style by reaching the final of the Aldridge Snooker League Foursomes Championship.

The 12-year-old teamed up with former pro Adrian Rosa to earn a show-down against holders Paul Harrison and Lee Thomson.

Rosa and Archer (Lea Hall) upset the odds to beat the highly-experienced Daniel Ward and Lee Payne (Wednesfield Cons) in the semi-final. The other last-four clash saw Harrison and Lee Thomson.

Snooker

son and Thomson (Wednesfield Cons) overcome the father-and-son partnership Daniel and Shaun Eaton-Lees (Cannock Cons).

Shaun Eaton-Lees flew out of the blocks with a run of 36 to win the first frame in comfortable fashion but the holders rallied in impressive style.

The first leg of the Premier League Cup finals saw champions St Johns gain a small advantage as they edged

out holders Wednesfield Cons A 3-2.

Jack Harris, with a run of 33, Jamie Harris and Riley Parsons, who fired in fine breaks of 48 and 55 putting St Johns 3-0 up only for the Cons to hit back through Paul Harrison and Tony Davis.

Wednesfield Cons B have one hand firmly on the Division One Cup.

Wins for John Schneider, Dean Evans, including a 40 break, Mark Davies and Russell Powers powered Cons to a 4-1 success at home to Darlaston Cons.

CANNOCK GO TOP WITH WIN

CANNOCK went top of the Staffs Club Cricket League Premier Division after a resounding nine-wicket win over Whittington.

The top-of-the-table clash was a one-sided affair as Cannock's bowling line-up proved too strong for the hosts, who were dismissed for 136 in 43 overs.

Adam Evans then smashed an unbeaten 58 as the visitors took just 100 balls to chase down the target and replace Whittington at the top.

Brothers Craig and John Jennings helped Hammerwich claim victory in a low-scoring affair at home to Wednesbury. Craig's innings of 57 helped the hosts reach 148 all out, a strong score on a pitch which took considerable turn. Skipper John then took 6-44 to dismiss the visitors for 127 and earn his team a 21-run win, with Wednesbury opener Kulvar Singh Badhan's defiant 56 proving in vain.

Ross Shelton meanwhile took 4-36 as Pelsall picked up a winning draw at home to Bloxwich. Pelsall scored 248-7, batting first, with the visitors making 187-8 in reply.

Milford Hall moved up to second with an emphatic nine-wicket victory at bottom side Aldridge. The hosts were bowled out for 114 although it would have been far less but for the batting of Nasir Ali Khan, whose 75 helped them recover from 21-8.

It still proved no match for Milford Hall, who recovered from the early loss of Aaron Alford to chase down the target in 29 overs. Christopher Becker and Haydn Slodecki both hitting 51.

Beacon are up to third thanks to a 98-run win at Swindon. After being asked to bat by the hosts, Michael Brookes' stubborn 72 and Jason Swan's quickfire 59, from 44 balls, were the two most contrasting, yet equally key, innings in Beacon's 241 all out. Professional Josh Henry then claimed 5-34 as Swindon were skittled for 143 in reply.

Opening bowler Tim Fidler meanwhile claimed 5-15 as Penn recorded a five-wicket win over Walsall YFC. Fidler also claimed the run-out of Abbas Ahmed, who with 61 was the top scorer in Walsall's 130 all out. Sandeep Dhillon (36), Vikul Lal (27) and Joshua Heath (26) helped Penn chase down the target in 25 overs.

Beginners rise to challenge



Rugeley Running Club is hosting a 10-mile run in partnership with the Brereton Carnival

A GROUP of runners took part in the Liverpool Half Marathon – only 18 months after joining a beginners' club.

Rugeley Running Club started the 10-week course last January for people that had never run. Some had even done no sporting activities at all.

Now, a dozen of the runners have completed the 13.1-mile challenge – and the club could not be happier.

A spokesman said: "Some of these had been smokers whose only aim was to be able to run a mile so to now be able to run 10 miles each week and to enter a half marathon is nothing short of amazing."

The club is staging its first 10-mile run on July 16 in partnership with the Brereton Carnival.

Prizes will be given out for the first three males and females home, as well as age group category prizes and medals for all finishers. Register online at rugerunners.weebly.com or at bookitzone.com

All entrants must be amateurs and aged over 18. Fees are £12 for affiliated runners and £14 for non-affiliated.

For the second year running, club members will also manning one of the feed stations at the 13.1 mile run which starts at Shugborough as part of the Ironman 70.3 in June.

Pre-season starts with Chasetown

HEDNESFORD TOWN will feature in at least six pre-season friendlies as new boss Liam McDonald gets to grips with his squad.

The Pitmen's pre-season will begin with the visit of neighbours Chasetown on July 9 before the short trip to Heath Hayes three days later. An under-21 Wolves outfit head to Keys Park on July 16 before the visit of recently promoted Solihull Moors on Wednesday, July 20.

McDonald's charges will be one of the first sides to head to Tamworth's new artificial surface on July 30 before the Pitmen finish at home to AFC Rushden & Diamonds on August 6.

Meanwhile, star man Adam Thomas has left Hednesford to sign for National League North's Stockport County.

The Stoke City academy product signed a one-year deal with the Pitmen last summer and made a big impression at Keys Park, playing more than 30 games during their relegation campaign, and scoring seven goals. He was named Supporters' Association Player of the Season, Management Player of the Season, Travel Club Player of the Season and Sportsman of the Season.

The 22-year-old winger's exit follows former skipper Ben Bailey's departure for AFC Telford United.

Match day admission prices and season ticket details for the 2016-17 campaign have now been released. Terrace prices are £11 for adults and £7 concessions and for the main stand £12 and £8.

The popular family gate will be in operation for the sixth season in succession, with an adult plus one child terrace £12 and two children £13, and a family terrace ticket at £22.

Season ticket prices: adult main stand – £228; adult terrace – £209; concession main stand – £144; concession terrace – £126; Junior Pitmen main stand – £58 and Junior Pitmen terrace – £36.

Aikido Master shows students the ropes

A CHESLYN Hay martial arts teacher showed students the ropes in an international seminar.

Shihan Tony Brown, a sixth dan black belt from Black Star Aikido, represented England at the event in Sweden. More than 155 students attended with Masters from Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and France.

Shihan Brown taught his style of Aikido, assisted by Andrew Leighton who also teaches at the club.

The club meets at the village hall, Pinfold Lane, on Monday and Friday nights, for aged 12 plus. Contact: info@blackstaraikido.com or call 07810 311974.

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